

May 20, 2010

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

President of the Senate  
H-107 State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 899 – *Education Reform Act of 2010*.

This bill extends the probationary period of employment for public school certificated employees from two years to three years, requires that student growth data be used in teacher and principal performance evaluations, and requires the State Board of Education to develop an incentive program for school systems to recruit highly effective teachers and principals to work in low-performing schools.

House Bill 1263, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 899.

Sincerely,

Governor