

## JOINT RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly requests the State Board of Education to define the major elements of accountability for evaluating classroom instruction and student performance and for documenting significant accomplishments; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in establishing the major elements of accountability, the State Board of Education shall consider, but not be limited to, the following criteria: the demographic characteristics of the school district; educational examinations, such as the California Achievement Test, the Maryland Reading, Mathematics, Writing, and Citizenship Tests, and the Scholastic Aptitude Test; and the quality, variety, and depth of the school programs, including personnel, offered to students; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, in establishing the major elements of accountability, the State Board of Education shall consult with the local boards of education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education shall submit a report on its definition of the major elements of accountability for evaluating classroom instruction and student performance, and for documenting significant accomplishments, to the Governor and subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly by July 1, 1988; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education shall include in its report to the Governor and General Assembly its guidelines for implementation of the major elements of accountability by the local boards of education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education shall include in its report to the Governor and General Assembly provisions for the development of local initiatives designed to respond to identified weaknesses within the local school systems and to identify an appropriate State role to assist local school boards in corrective actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable William Donald Schaefer, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; and David W. Hornbeck, State Superintendent of Schools, 200 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Signed June 2, 1987.