

April 24, 2025

**Sent via email to: OCR@ed.gov**

United States Department of Education  
Office for Civil Rights  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202

**RE: Certification of Compliance with Title VI and *SFFA v. Harvard***

Dear Sir or Madam:

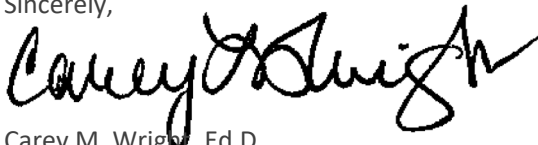
On April 3, 2025, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) received an unsigned email from OCR@ed.gov with the subject line "Department of Education Title VI Compliance Certification." The email was accompanied by a four-page document titled "Reminder of Legal Obligations Undertaken in Exchange for Receiving Federal Financial Assistance and Request for Certification under Title VI and *SFFA v. Harvard*," which in turn contained a "Requested Certification."

The email contained a request that the recipient, within 10 days, "sign and return the attached certification along with the certifications of your Local Education Agencies (LEAs)" and "report the signature status for each of your LEAs, any compliance issues found within your LEAs, and your proposed enforcement plans for those LEAs." A later email changed the date for responses to April 24, 2025.

The April 3, 2025, email and the accompanying document do not provide a clear account of (1) the purpose of the request, (2) the legal authority for the request, (3) how any certification will be used, or (4) the meaning of the certification or the legal effect of signing the certification. Furthermore, the request does not comply with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501–3521; *see also* 5 C.F.R. pt. 1320. We also understand that the U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire has entered a preliminary injunction against enforcement of the request. While MSDE is unaware of any legal authority obligating it to comply with USDE's request, MSDE is reaffirming its commitment to complying with Title VI and other relevant federal laws.

On behalf of MSDE, I certify that the Maryland State Department of Education will continue to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ("Title VI"), 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and its prohibition against discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin, as well as related federal regulations and court decisions. *See* 34 C.F.R. §§ 100.1–.13; *Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President & Fellows of Harvard Coll.*, 143 S. Ct. 2141 (2023). Please find attached a certification from Maryland's local education agencies.

Sincerely,



Carey M. Wright, Ed.D.  
State Superintendent of Schools

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Signed:

Jeffrey S. Blank  
Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)

Jeffrey S. Blank  
Superintendent of Schools Signature

Allegany County Public Schools  
108 Washington St.  
Cumberland, MD 21502  
Local Education Agency Name and Address

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Signed:

Mark T. Bedell, Ed.D.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)

Mark T. Bedell  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent of Schools Signature

Anne Arundel County Public Schools  
2644 Riva Road  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Local Education Agency Name and Address

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Signed:

Santa Brooks Santelises  
 Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)  
Santa B. Santelises  
 Superintendent of Schools Signature

Baltimore City Public Schools  
200 W. North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD. 21202  
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Signed:

Dr. Myriam A. Rogers

Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)



Superintendent of Schools Signature

Baltimore County Public Schools

6901 Charles Street

Towson, MD 21204

Local Education Agency Name and Address



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Signed:

Dr. Andrae Townsel

Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)

[Signature]

Superintendent of Schools Signature

1305 Dares Beach

Prince Frederick, Md 20678

Local Education Agency Name and Address

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Signed:

Derek L. Simmons

Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)



Superintendent of Schools Signature

Caroline County Public Schools

204 Franklin Street

Denton, MD 21629

Local Education Agency Name and Address

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Signed:

Cynthia McCabe

Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)

[Signature]

Superintendent of Schools Signature

Carroll County Public Schools

125 N. Court St.

Westminster, MD 21157

Local Education Agency Name and Address



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Signed:

Jeffrey A. Lawson, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)

[Signature]  
Superintendent of Schools Signature

Cecil County Public Schools  
201 Booth St.  
Elkton, MD 21921  
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Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Navarro', is written over a horizontal line.

Maria V. Navarro, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
Charles County Public Schools  
P.O. Box 2770  
La Plata, Maryland 20646

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Signed:

Jymil Thompson  
Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)

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700 Glasgow ST.  
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Dr. Cheryl L. Dyson  
Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)

  
Superintendent of Schools Signature

Frederick County Public Schools  
191 S. East Street  
Frederick, MD 21701  
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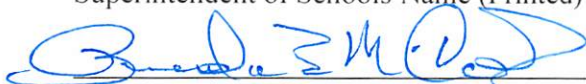
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Brenda E. McCartney, Ed.D.

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Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)



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Superintendent of Schools Signature

Garrett County Public Schools

770 Denneff Road

Oakland, MD 21550

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Signed:

Sean Bulson

Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)



Superintendent of Schools Signature

Harford County Public  
Schools

102 S. Fitchburg Ave.

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Bel Air, MD 21014




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William J. Barnes

Full Name



Signature

Superintendent

Title

Howard County Public School System

School District

April 14, 2025

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Signed:

Mary Boswell-McComas  
Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)

Mary Boswell-McComas  
Superintendent of Schools Signature

Kent County Public Schools  
5608 Boundary Ave  
Rock Hill, MD 21661  
Local Education Agency Name and Address

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Signed:

Thomas .w. Taylor, Ed.D., M.B.A.

Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)

 4.10.2025

Superintendent of Schools Signature

Montgomery County Public Schools

15 West Gude Drive, Suite 400

Rockville, Maryland 20850

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Signed:

  
Millard House, II, Superintendent of Schools (Printed)

  
Millard House, II, Superintendent of Schools (Signature)

04-18-25

Date

Prince George’s County Public Schools  
14201 School Lane  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772  
Local Education Agency Name and Address



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Signed:

Patricia Saekens

Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)

P. Saekens

Superintendent of Schools Signature

Queen Anne's County Public Schools  
202 Chesterfield Ave.,  
Centreville, MD 21617

Local Education Agency Name and Address

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Signed:

Ava Tasker-Mitchell

Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)

Ava Tasker-Mitchell

Superintendent of Schools Signature

Somerset County Public Schools  
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Westover, MD 21871

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Signed:

Dr J. Scott Smith  
Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)

  
Superintendent of Schools Signature

St. Mary's County Public Schools  
23160 Moakley Street, Suite 109  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Local Education Agency Name and Address

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Signed:

Sharon Pepukayi

Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)

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Superintendent of Schools Signature

Talbot County Public Schools

12 Magnolia St.

Easton, MD 21601

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Signed:



Dr. David Sovine  
Superintendent of Schools  
Washington County Public Schools  
10435 Downsville Pike  
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740



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Signed:

[Micah C. Stauffer](#)

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Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)

  
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Superintendent of Schools Signature

[2424 Northgate Drive, Salisbury, MD 21801](#)

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Signed:

Louis H. Taylor

Superintendent of Schools Name (Printed)

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Superintendent of Schools Signature

Worcester County Public Schools  
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Newark, MD 21840

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