## Maryland Nonpublic School Overview
### 2015-16 School Year

Note that the steep decline in enrollment in 2008-09 is partially due to nonresponse to a request for enrollment information. For example, half of the nonpublic schools on record in Prince George’s County did not provide enrollment counts to MSDE for 2008-09. The nonresponse rate for other years ranges from 8% to 24%. The grey dotted line suggests a more probable decline for enrollments statewide.

### Important Highlights:

- **10-year change:**
  43,177 fewer students (-30%)

- **Additional cost to Maryland’s public schools:** $636,601,688PER YEAR!
  This reflects the cost to educate the additional 43,177 students, based on the average Maryland public school per pupil cost in of $14,744 in 2014-15.

- **For every 68 students who move from a nonpublic school to a public school, Maryland and its taxpayers pay an additional MILLION dollars.**

- **Total savings provided by nonpublic schools:** almost $1.5 BILLION PER YEAR!
  This reflects what it would cost to educate the 98,803 students currently enrolled in Maryland’s nonpublic schools, based on the current cost of educating each public school student.

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### Nonpublic K-12 Enrollment in Maryland

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The graph above shows the number of nonpublic schools that provided a count of enrollments to MSDE, excluding preschools. While the number of nonpublic schools has declined over time, the dip in the graph in 2008 is probably due more to nonresponse, rather than a sharp drop in the number of nonpublic schools. (Data sources: Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Accountability and Assessment, Nonpublic School Enrollment State of Maryland.)

The Maryland Education Credit

Helps our state, our public education system and public school students:

✓ No direct cost to the state is required and no money is taken from public education funding. This plan requires only a small reduction in corporate tax revenue, which will in turn stimulate the economy for greater revenue.

✓ Public schools foundations can accept corporate donations to enhance curriculum with innovative educational programs.

✓ Public school students would be given expanded access to educational enrichment programs, such as education-based after-school programs.

✓ This proposal would address some of the issues facing Maryland’s public schools, such as overcrowded class sizes and the need for expanded access to prekindergarten.

Helps nonpublic schools and families:

✓ Increased business support will stabilize nonpublic enrollments, thus improving the financial viability of our nonpublic schools, which are a high-quality, cost-saving complement to the state’s public education system.

✓ Business donations will help nonpublic schools and students continue to save the State and its taxpayers billions of dollars annually.

✓ The Credit will address the affordability issues many nonpublic school families face in meeting the specific needs of their children’s education through scholarships and tuition-assistance.

Benefits Maryland Businesses:

✓ A business may receive a tax credit of up to $200,000 equal to 60% of their total donation to a state-registered nonprofit scholarship organization.

✓ Businesses eligible for the credit include corporations, sole proprietorships, partnerships and limited liability companies.

✓ Maryland businesses may receive up to $15 million dollars per year in tax credits, helping to stimulate the economy.

✓ Businesses can choose to donate to public and nonpublic school students.