

**BEFORE THE ST. MARY’S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ETHICS PANEL**

In the Matter Of

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Advisory Opinion No.: 2012-04

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Request for Advisory Opinion

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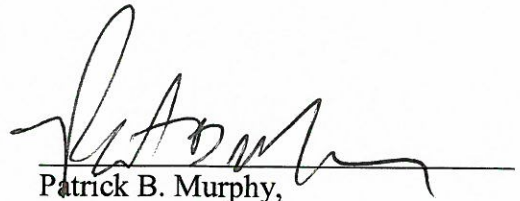
ADVISORY OPINION

At its meeting on October 18, 2012, the St. Mary’s County Public Schools Ethics Panel (the “Ethics Panel”) met in executive session to discuss a question posed for an advisory opinion from

The question posed, where _____ was seeking guidance, was could candidates for the St. Mary’s County Board of Education, accept political campaign contributions from labor union(s) representing employees of the school system, and would the candidate’s receipt of a campaign donation from an employee union fall within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Panel.


After discussing the matter, the Ethics Panel has concluded that the reporting of such donations does not fall under the Board’s Ethics Policy or the jurisdiction of the Ethics Panel, but, rather, falls under State elections’ laws.

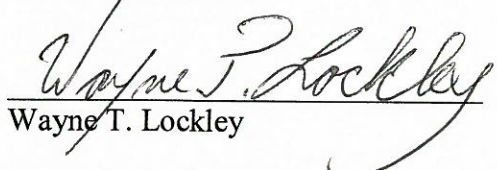
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