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When you visit the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Maryland, you will find lots of things to see and do. To help launch your adventure in "Charm City", here are (2) of the most popular sites you will want to visit with great attractions for both kids and adults alike.

At one end of the harbor is the Baltimore Aquarium. The Aquarium receives more than 1 million visitors annually from around the world. This popular attraction contains five levels and two impressive pyramids made of glass which showcase the more than 5,000 species of fish, marine mammals, birds, reptiles that make their home here. There is also an entertaining seal pool, a tropical rain forest complete with piranhas, and the ever-changing "special exhibits".

Daily scheduled dolphin shows are among the aquarium's popular events. Be prepared to get wet if you are lucky enough to get a front row seat. You will be amazed at their brilliance and intelligence. This is a show that everyone one will leave with a HUGE smile on their face..

A short walking distance away on the opposite side of the harbor stands the Maryland Science Center. The Maryland Science Center is a private, non-profit organization that attracts more than half a million visitors a year. The Science Center has received many awards including the best Indoor Family Recreation Spot which makes this perfect for a family outing. The Center is known for its interactive

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exhibits, which provides for fun and interesting hands-on learning for kids of all ages.

There are various "showcase" exhibits, such as the Titanic exhibit and the Dinosaur Exhibit, that stop at the Science Center for a month or two, which keeps the museum offerings fresh. The staff is also very friendly and knowledgeable about what is going on in the Center.

While you are exploring the Science center make sure to take in one of the IMAX films. It's a motion picture experience that will totally immerse you. With a screen 4 stories high,

and a state of the art sound system, the IMAX Theater experience is so realistic that viewers feel as if they are part of the film. Some of the latest shows have been 3-D and give you an experience of being in the movie itself.

The Planetarium, which is located in the Science Center is another must-see. It's a wonderful way for anyone from kids to seniors to learn all about the magical world of astronomy. This show is chock full of information about our skies which will have you leaving the show, asking for more and wondering where the time went.

There are lots of restaurants within walking distance featuring menus filled with the best local seafood in the area. And if you are not a fish fan, you will be thrilled to find other cuisines from burgers and pizza to Indian fare and everything else in-between. Make sure you leave room for dessert, as you will find mouth-watering pastry shops and even see fudge made right before your eyes.

Baltimore has transformed its waterfront into one of the most visited destinations in the country. The Inner Harbor has something for everyone's interests. Timewise, plan on spending the whole day, or more if possible. The Inner Harbor is a FUN and entertaining place for the whole family to visit.

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Baltimore Schools Lose In Court -- Ruling Favored Charter Schools

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In 2005, City Neighbors and Patterson Park Public, two charter schools in Baltimore, appealed the Baltimore schools' per student funding formula to the state board. The board ruled in their favor, and the Baltimore schools appealed the board's decision in the Court of Special Appeals, Maryland's second highest court. Early this month, the court ruled in favor of the charter schools, requiring Maryland school systems to spend as much money per student at charter schools as they spend at their traditional schools.

Charter schools are publicly funded, but they operate independently under contracts with local school boards. Of the 24 charter schools in the state of Maryland, 17 are located in the Baltimore schools system.

The Baltimore schools' per student funding formula differs between their traditional schools and charter schools. Traditional schools receive the equivalent of approximately \$11,000 per student. Charter schools receive \$5,859 per student in cash, with the remainder received in services provided to the schools by the Baltimore schools system, such as special education and food. City Neighbors and Patterson Park Public contend that this formula limits their ability to choose how to provide services to their students, and the court agreed.

After the court handed down its ruling, the Baltimore schools board met in executive session, issuing a vaguely worded statement. It reiterated that the Baltimore schools remain a strong supporter of charter schools, but believe the recent court ruling will hurt the traditional schools by imposing a financial hardship on the vast majority of them. The statement further noted that the ruling could result in traditional schools receiving less per student funding than the charter schools. Additionally, the statement said that the board is fully committed to complying with the law, but it leaves open the possibility of an appeal by stating that the Baltimore schools board "feels obligated to fully consider its legal options."

After the statement was released, City Neighbors board President Bobbi Macdonald stated that they were not asking for more money, only equity within the Baltimore schools system. City Neighbors attorney Will DuBois underscored the fact that both the state board and the court agreed on a funding model that achieves the parity sought by the two charter schools.

The charter schools hope to meet with the Baltimore schools to discuss the court's ruling. They would like to move forward with the Baltimore schools board toward the interest of all Baltimore schools students. Meanwhile, the Baltimore schools board Chairman Brian D. Morris stated that the Baltimore

schools currently is analyzing the financial impact of the court's ruling.

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