

April 6, 2017

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 5, 2017, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor, vetoed the following piece of legislation passed by the General Assembly; the reasons for the vetoes are indicated:

**HB 978**  
Policy

**Delegate Luedtke, et al**

**EDUCATION – ACCOUNTABILITY – CONSOLIDATED STATE PLAN AND SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT PLANS (PROTECT OUR SCHOOLS ACT OF 2017)**

Requiring an educational accountability program to include at least three school quality indicators that measure the comparative opportunities provided to students or the level of student success in public schools; prohibiting the school quality indicators from being based on student testing; requiring the State Board to establish a composite score that provides for a meaningful differentiation of schools under the school accountability system; authorizing a specified plan to include lengthening of the school year; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017**

Sincerely,

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Executive Director