

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential** 

850 Hungerford Drive ◆ Room 123 ◆ Rockville, Maryland 20850

BILL: HB0500

TITLE: State Lottery - Unclaimed Prizes - Distribution to Local Boards of

Education

DATE: 2/20/2020

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AN AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) supports HB0500 with an amendment.

Montgomery County Public Schools supports efforts to further fund education throughout the State. The Montgomery County Board of Education has previously supported legislation to ensure that "casino funding" is supplemental or additional funding on top of the state's educational funding formulas and that it does not supplant general fund money to help fund the state aid formulas.

Given the push to expand educational funding to implement the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission, an amendment should be considered to ensure that revenues from unclaimed state lottery prizes supplement and do not supplement existing educational funding.

For these reasons, the Board **support** this legislation **with an amendement** and urges a favorable report.