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**BILL:** House Bill 570  
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The Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) **SUPPORTS** House Bill 570, which establish through statute that our Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) instructor positions are represented in collective bargaining by our local teachers union. We thank the District 5 Delegates for their sponsorship of the bill, which originated as a Board of Education local bill request. The bill also derives from collaborative discussion and agreement with our local, exclusive employee representatives.

Except for the fact that the Maryland State Department of Education does not issue a certificate to JROTC instructors, they function the same as teachers in our high schools. Therefore, under the mandatory topics for collective bargaining – salary, wages, hours, and other working conditions – the best placement of the JROTC instructor position is within the teachers union. Our local associations share this assessment and endorse this bill request.

There also is ample state-wide precedent for the local provision requested through House Bill 570. We would be the seventh local board of education seeking this provision with Prince George's, Baltimore County, Calvert, Charles, Garrett, and St. Mary's already having secured an identical revision to the collective bargaining statute.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of Carroll County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 570 and requests a favorable report.