

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Ways and Means Committee
The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary – Chairwoman
The Honorable Alonzo T. Washington – Vice Chair
131 House Office Building
Annapolis, Md. 21401

RE: Oppose HB 1287 Public Schools – Curricula and Instructional Materials – Required List of Information (Curriculum Transparency Act of 2022)

Dear Chair, Atterbeary, Vice Chair Washington and Committee Members:

I am writing today in my role as Chief Academic Officer for Baltimore County Public Schools to express my opposition to HB 1287 Public Schools – Curricula and Instructional Materials – Required List of Information.

Currently, Baltimore County Public Schools provides access to the written curriculum including the scope and sequence, goals and objectives, assessments, sample instructional activities and suggested resources for required courses. Further, as outlined in Rule 6002, Form A, we currently provide stakeholders with a process by which they can request a review of instructional materials selected for systemwide use. Teachers are expected to make instructional decisions based on the strengths and needs of their students and should be a parent or caregiver's first point of contact for any questions or concerns regarding the taught curriculum and to establish collaborative partnerships for supporting their student.

Therefore, we oppose HB 1287 Public Schools – Curricula and Instructional Materials – Required List of Information as it is redundant and unnecessary.

Sincerely,



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