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**Testimony of the
Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners
In Support of House Bill 150-
Public Schools – Grant Program to
Reduce and Compost School Waste**

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The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners supports House Bill 150. This legislation would support the sustainability and educational goals of the Food & Nutrition Services (FNS) department and the Facilities Department of the Baltimore Public Schools.

This grant program would promote projects that align with FNS's commitment to waste reduction, and with the school districts' Sustainability Plan, which includes "reducing solid waste" as a key strategy. Assuming that all costs could be part of the project budget in the grant application, there are no additional anticipated expenditures associated with the proposed legislation.

One area of concern is that the legislation does not indicate whether priority will go to district-wide projects or school-specific initiatives. The most efficient manner is to distribute based on district-wide projects and the school district will then disseminate the grant to school specific initiatives that support the district wide priorities found in the district's Sustainability Plan.

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