

March 28, 2023

My Dear Delegates:

I write in opposition of HB 119.

The Bill, as currently written, flies in the face of the federalism that has been such a strength of our society. The ability of local organizations, such as boards of education, to craft curriculums that serve the needs of diverse communities is a bedrock of our governing architecture.

The Bill, as currently written, is a classic case of a solution (and a terrible one at that) in search of a problem. There is no majority of parents crying out for central control of school curricula. This entire effort seems to have been manufactured in Annapolis.

Passage of this Bill will erode trust between parents and the State Board; And to what end? Local Board's are closer to the parents and children directly affected by decisions regarding their local schools. As such, they are likely to be more informed regarding the needs and desires of those parents and children.

No State Superintendent is able to ascertain the in-depth understanding of the various, diverse issues affecting the parents and children across the twenty-three counties in Maryland. The result will be "one-size-fits-all" edicts that are the very antithesis of a quality education.

I entreat you all to abandon this Bill.

Best regards,

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