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Senate Bill 0238

In Opposition Of

Public Schools – Financial Literacy – Curriculum, Graduation Requirement and Professional Development

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

Hearing: February 8, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Dear Honorable Senator Brian Feldman, Chair, and Honorable Senator Cheryl Kagan, Vice Chair, and Distinguished Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee members,

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) opposes SB 0238 Public Schools – Financial Literacy – Curriculum, Graduation Requirement, and Professional Development.

It is the position of MRSPA that curriculum decisions must be the responsibility of State and Local Boards of Education. MRSPA's Education Priority is clear: "MRSPA supports legislation designed to enhance public education and promote lifelong learning for all students. Support for public education and lifelong learning is essential to forming an educated and productive citizenry. Curriculum decisions made in support of public education and lifelong learning must be the responsibility of State and Local Boards of Education."

We are not opposed to the recommended curriculum per se. It is not the role or responsibility of the State Legislature to mandate curriculum. We urge you to allow the State and Local Boards of Education to do their due diligence in regard to curriculum decisions.

On behalf of the over 12,000 members of The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we urge your opposition to and an unfavorable report on SB 0238.

Sincerely,

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