

*Maryland Association of*  
**LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS**

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 161

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On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards (LMB's) I am offering Written testimony in support of Senate Bill 161 which makes small but important alterations to the Community School provisions in the Blueprint legislation to ensure robust implementation and alignment to research-based practices.

For Community Schools to be effective and achieve the anticipated outcomes, nationally recognized and established best practices must also be in place. Senate Bill 161 provides flexibility to school districts with fewer than forty schools eligible for the Concentration of Poverty Grants; ensures family and community representation on leadership teams; and advocates for a common needs assessment tool.

We applaud Senator McCray for sponsoring SB161 and we encourage the committee to provide a favorable report.

Sincerely,



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