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If one searches for the explanation of Lifesaver Schools, the creation of the program (in Maryland HB612) and the purpose for the program, I feel the program deserves 100 percent support within the states for which similar programs are being implemented. Today's youth are going to be tomorrow's leaders and managers. Help fostering the benefits and continuation of the program and similar programs is dependent on what is offered to students today. I support this new program (HB612) and similar programs.

Goldman, Jaime R <Jaime_R_Goldman@mcpsmd.org>

8:30 AM (7 hours
ago)

to me

"I support the Lifesaver Schools Bills which is a no cost bill to support schools that provide mental health services to students in Maryland."

Jaime R. Goldman (she, her, hers)

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Meredith Holczer <meredith.a.holczer@mcpsmd.net> Sun, Feb 9, 5:50 PM (22 hours ago)

to me

I support the option to be certified!

Sent from my iPhone

Kuhn, Harriet L

Sun, Feb 9, 10:38 PM (17
hours ago)

to me, Melissa

To Whom It May Concern,

I support the Lifesaver Schools bill which is a no cost bill to support schools that provides mental health services to students in Maryland. I also want to convey to the Ways and Means Committee that mental health support in schools is needed more than ever. All the elements in the Lifesaver Schools bill are important, including therapy dogs which provide emotional and social support for students. Data driven research shows these specially trained dogs improve well-being and mental health. Children exposed to dogs are naturally able to learn about kindness, empathy and self-control. When there is a friendly dog in a school environment, staff and students thrive. Please support HB 612.

Thank you,
Harriet

Harriet Lurensky Kuhn, M.A., M.Ed., NCSP, LPC

Lertora, Katherine W <Katherine_W_Lertora@mcpsmd.org> Feb 9, 6:44 PM (21 hours ago)

to me

I support the Lifesaver Schools Bills which is a no cost bill to support schools that provide mental health services to students in Maryland.

Kathy Lertora
Sent from my iPhone

erika satlof <erikasatlof@gmail.com>

Thu, Feb 6, 2:24 PM (4
days ago)

to me

I agree with the proposed HB612 Bill
Erika Satlof
Pyle MS Montgomery County, MD

Shimozato, Anita <Anita_Shimozato@mcpsmd.org>

7:55 AM (8
hours ago)

to me

I support the Lifesaver Schools Bills which is a no cost bill to support schools that provide mental health services to students in Maryland. Every day we struggle providing support to students with mental health, school is not only a place to provide students with education, but also physical and mental health, we are all one person, and when one aspect of our lives, specially mental is not at a good place, everything crumbles, and student goes to drugs or other unhealthy coping mechanisms, so even if we provide the best education, the student won't be able to learn. For that reason, I strongly support the Lifesaver School Bills.

Best,

Anita Shimozato, RN, BSN
School Community Health Nurse



Smith, Tamie L <Tamie_L_Smith@mcpsmd.org>

9:06 AM (7 hours ago)

to me

**I support the Lifesaver Schools Bill, which is a no cost bill to support schools that provide mental health services to students in Maryland.
Thank you.**

Dr. Tamie Smith

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Solomon, Richard B <Richard_B_Solomon@mcpsmd.org>

8:59 AM (7
hours ago)

to me, robbyn.lewis@house.state.md.us, Harriet

Good Morning,

As a career educator with 29 years' experience, I can attest to the mental health crisis hitting our adolescents. We have experienced the death of two students in the last 5 years, and refer 50+ students to the Montgomery County Crisis Center each year. Just this month, we have had four students referred for inpatient treatment for mental health and substance abuse concerns. When a student meets the criteria for hospitalization, it means that their life is in danger. The more of a focus we can place on mental health in schools, which are the first line of defense, the more likely we will be to avert tragedy in the future.

Richard Solomon
Resource Counselor
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Sarah Stout <sarah22702@gmail.com>

12:09 PM (4
hours ago)

to me

Greetings,

I am a parent of two children who attend Maryland schools. I am also a school psychologist who works in Maryland schools. I fully support the Lifesaver Schools Bill-HB 612 which is a no-cost bill to support schools that provide mental health services to students in Maryland. Specifically, therapy dogs are a vital instrument in providing assistance to children who need acute and long-term support.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Sarah Stout Powers

Manfreda, Laura H <Laura_H_Manfreda@mcpsmd.org>

1:02 PM (3
hours ago)

to me

Good afternoon,

I support the Lifesaver Schools Bill, which is a no cost bill to support schools that provide mental health services to students in Maryland. We are very much in need of more mental health services. Thank you!

Laurie Manfreda

8th Grade Counselor (Last name letters G-Z)

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McCormack, Jeanne A <Jeanne_A_Mccormack@mcpsmd.org> 9:11 AM (7 hours ago)

to me

Good Morning,

I am in support of the Lifesaver Schools Bill which is a no cost bill to support schools that provide mental health services to students in Maryland. As a school psychologist I have seen firsthand the impact mental health supports in schools can have on students and am in support of this bill that would encourage all schools to promote physical and mental health education, support and events to their students. The more we help students learn strategies to care for their mental health, the more they will achieve, and the better they will do in life. This bill is an excellent step for students in Maryland.

Thank you,

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Moore, Denise S <Denise_S_Moore@mcpsmd.org>

9:21 AM (7
hours ago)

to me

"I support the Lifesaver Schools Bills which is a no cost bill to support schools that provide mental health services to students in Maryland."
Thank you.

Park, Maryjane <maryjane.m.park@mcpsmd.net>

3:03 PM (1 hour
ago)

to me

Hi,

I support the Lifesaver Schools Bills which is a no cost bill to support schools that provide mental health services to students in Maryland.

Thank you.

Dorian Regan <dori.regan@gmail.com>

Sat, Feb 8, 11:36 PM (2
days ago)

to me

I am in support due to the fact that education is the pillar of a productive, healthy, and kind community. Children need to be adequately taught and cared for as they prepare to enter a tumultuous society, and one of the best ways of doing so is providing a learning environment that is safe, physically and emotionally. This forms well rounded, emotionally developed adults, who will be ready to play an active hand in continuing to build up our communities and families.

Melissa Regan

Sun, Feb 9, 12:43 PM (1
day ago)

to me

Maryland House,

Please pass HB612 which gives the option of Lifesaver Schools certification and includes the use of therapy dogs. Lifesaver Schools highlights education and promotion of physical and mental health. As someone that works in schools, I can tell you first hand that students experience many mental health crises. Recommendation and recognition of wellness initiatives would greatly help the students minimize stress or know how to cope when it arises. Therapy dog programs are a great way to engage with students (and staff) - thank you for the focus on this terrific option.

Sincerely,

Melissa

Melissa Regan, MSW, LCSW-C

Youth and Family Counseling Specialist
City of Rockville