



DELMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT

Delaware's True "Neighborhood School!"

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Dear Senator Carozza,

I am writing to advocate for Maryland resident graduates of Delmar High School and to respectfully request that they be considered eligible for the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship.

The Delmar School District straddles the Delaware and Maryland state lines, located in both Wicomico County, Maryland, and Sussex County, Delaware. The school district consists of two physical locations. The Delmar Elementary School, serving pre-kindergarten through fourth grades, is in Delmar, Maryland and is part of the Wicomico County Public School system. The Delmar Middle and Senior High School, serving fifth through twelfth grades, is in Delmar, Delaware and is its own district under the Delaware Department of Education. The Delmar School District works closely with Wicomico County Public Schools to ensure that all students in our unique community receive the best possible education.

Currently our Maryland graduates are at a disadvantage when it comes to funding their post-secondary education. Our Delaware graduates are eligible to receive the Inspire Scholarship, which funds four years of full tuition at Delaware State University or the SEED Scholarship which funds up to ten semesters to complete programs through Delaware Technical Community College. However, these programs are only available to Delaware residents. The class of 2026 consists of approximately 161 students with 61 Maryland residents. The class of 2027 consists of approximately 181 students, with 77 Maryland residents. Each year our Maryland resident graduates are faced with the difficulty of funding their post-secondary education without the resources available to other students all around them.

Providing access to this scholarship would not only support individual students but would also strengthen the broader community. When students can continue their education with financial support, they are more likely to graduate, enter the workforce with valuable skills and give back to the places that helped shape them. I respectfully ask that you consider reviewing the eligibility criteria so that Maryland resident graduates from Delmar High School may have the opportunity to benefit from the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to provide any additional information about our school and students.

Sincerely,

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