



**Anne Arundel County Board of Education – Member Compensation and Student
Member Scholarship – Increase**

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

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The Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC) requests a favorable report on HB0352.

The Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC) is the representative organization of all students enrolled in the secondary schools of AACPS, dedicated to elevating youth voice and promoting student leadership.

HB0436 supports CRASC’s mission by increasing the compensation of Board of Education members and the student members’ scholarships, demonstrating an understanding of the dedication and responsibility required to govern over 84,000 students.

CRASC supports “full voting rights for all Student Members on Boards of Education,” (Plank I, B), “opportunities for students to voice opinions on issues that directly affect students,”(Plank I, F), and “student participation in decision-making processes.” (Plank I, G). Providing substantial and meaningful scholarships to the SMOB helps ensure financial barriers do not play a role when students consider running for the position.

Additionally, increasing compensation for the adult members of the Board is consistent with CRASC’s support of fair funding in education and for those who work to help students. By increasing the compensation, it lowers a financial barrier that some prospective candidates may see before running. A Board that is well compensated is one that can better reflect the demographic of its constituency by making the role more feasible for working individuals.

Accordingly, the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils respectfully requests a favorable report on HB0436 from the committee.

Thank you,

William Andrione, *Secretary of Legislation*



Alma Naghedi, Vivi Chin, and Veda Puvvala, *Legislative Liaisons*