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**SB 744**

**Frederick County – Board of  
Education – Compensation**

**County Position: SUPPORT**

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Committee: Education, Health & Environmental Affairs

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner urges your **SUPPORT** for Senate Bill 744 – Frederick County – Board of Education - Compensation.

High performing school boards result in high performing school systems that create and support conditions and environments for effective teaching and learning. The effective governance our local board of education requires substantial time for professional development and training in addition to considerable decision-making and oversight responsibilities.

County Executive Gardner supports the provisions in the proposed legislation that:

- Increases the annual compensation for Frederick County Board of Education members from \$10,000 to \$14,000 and for the President from \$11,000 to \$15,000 beginning with the start of members' terms elected in the general election of 2022;
- Reflects the time required of members in terms of professional development, governance and oversight responsibilities, and community and stakeholder engagement;
- Acknowledges the increase of time and responsibility required of these elected offices since 2006, resulting from an enrollment growth of 10%, seven additional schools that has added 1.6 million square feet of interior space and an additional 1,000 acres of land; and
- Responds to the increasing intensity of student needs over the last decade, as well as the increased level of rigor and academic standards brought about by the State's adoption of new College and Career Readiness Standards and the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act in 2015.

Frederick County Executive Gardner urges favorable **SUPPORT** for Senate Bill 744.