

HB 347 - Community and Local Accountability for Struggling Schools (CLASS) Act of 2020 -
Innovation Schools
Ways and Means
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School communities are fully involved in the process of establishing an Innovation School and parents and guardians must be notified of any proposed changes that would be implemented at an identified school. Additionally, the school community must be given the opportunity to provide public comment on any proposed Innovation Plan.

HB 347 takes extraordinary steps forward in providing necessary supports for enhancing school performance and improvement across the State of Maryland to ensure that all of our students have access to, and receive, a high-quality education. Alongside the Department's continued and steadfast efforts to improve our schools that are experiencing the greatest challenges, this bill provides necessary flexibility, accountability, and transparency to address major issues within a school through a holistic and collaborative approach.

We respectfully request that the Committee provide a Favorable report on **HB 347**. For further information, please contact Tiffany Clark, at 410-260-6028, or tiffany.clark1@maryland.gov.