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Written Testimony in favor of HB266 Student Education Equity Grant Program

Dear Delegates and Committee Members:

I am writing to urge you to support HB266 to fund and grant funds to students when their school is not open. Families have incurred significant additional expense for their children's education while taxpayers have continued to pay for public schools. I witnessed first hand in observing my son's online classes the inequity of student education for some students without supplies, sufficient internet, devices, hard copy reading books, materials and printers to print age and health appropriate hard copy materials. This widened the educational gap tremendously. In addition, remote learning does not meet the needs of many students' developmental and learning style needs so that it's appropriate to provide grants to families to cover some of the expenses necessary to accommodate their child's appropriate learning such as materials listed above, tuition for an open school or other resources to compensate for the lack of educational resources due to the school not being open.

Again, I urge you to support HB266. Thank you for your service and consideration of this bill.

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