



DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF KENT COUNTY

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Delegate Maggie McIntosh, Chair
Delegate Mark S. Chang, Vice Chair
Appropriations Committee
House Office Building, Room 121
Annapolis, MD 21401

March 11, 2022

Bill: House Bill 1240 – Education - Low-Density Calculation - Mandated Funding

Position: Support

Dear Chair McIntosh, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

The Democratic Club of Kent County, with over 150 members, is writing to express **SUPPORT** for **House Bill 1240 – Education - Low-Density Calculation - Mandated Funding**, which would serve to provide much-needed additional funding for the Kent County Public Schools.

Kent County has seen a recent trend of declining enrollment, with a consequent drop in State funding. We are the smallest school system in the state, and even under the new “Blueprint For Maryland’s Future” we are slated to receive insufficient State assistance to meet our unique needs. In addition, county government has been under-investing in our schools for many years; our County Commissioners have not made the educational needs of our children a priority, and the school system has suffered as a result. And our schools’ needs are increasing; today KCPS students are showing one of the highest rates of poverty in Maryland, with many students lacking the basic home resources necessary to promote grade-level educational progress.

House Bill 1240 recognizes the unique needs of the Kent County Public Schools, and would be a significant step towards addressing some of our current fiscal challenges. We urge a favorable report on this important legislation.

If we can provide any additional information or be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-703-1791 or wmflook@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

William Flook

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