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SB 952

**Frederick County – Board of
Education – Vacancies**

County Position: FAVORABLE

Date: March 16, 2022

Committee: Education, Health & Environmental Affairs

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner urges a **FAVORABLE** report for Senate Bill 952 – Frederick County – Board of Education – Vacancies.

Board of Education Members are among the handful of county public, elected officials in Frederick County that make local policy and budget decisions which impact the daily lives of our citizens. The engagement and participation of our citizens in exercising their civic rights, which includes the basic right to choose those who govern, is critical to effective and responsive local government.

County Executive Gardner supports the provisions in the proposed local bill that:

- Provides for an immediate appointment to fill an unexpected vacancy of a Board of Education member, honoring the letter and intent of the County's Charter and the codified role and responsibility of the County Executive;
- Reflects the importance of and our commitment to civic participation by providing for an election to permanently replace a seat vacated in the middle of a Board of Education Member's term; and
- Structures this election in a way that is not burdensome to the County taxpayers or to candidates running for a vacated seat.

Frederick County Executive Gardner urges a **FAVORABLE** report for Senate Bill 952.