

Senate Bill 848 - Garrett County and Allegany County – Public Schools – Virtual Education Days Pilot Program
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Sixteen local school systems (Allegany, [Anne Arundel](#), [Baltimore County](#), [Carroll](#), Cecil, Dorchester, [Garrett](#), [Kent](#), [Montgomery](#), Prince George's, Queen Anne's, [Somerset](#), [Talbot](#), Washington, [Wicomico](#), and [Worcester](#)) submitted plans to MSDE. This statewide approach will protect high quality learning opportunities for students.

Research from across the country has made it clear that for the vast majority of students virtual learning is not an effective form of instruction. Ensuring that consistent and comprehensive guardrails are in place for virtual education days is crucial to ensure the virtual days during inclement weather does not adversely affect the learning of the majority of students.

We respectfully request that you consider this information as you deliberate **Senate Bill 848**. Please contact Ary Amerikaner, at 410-767-0090, or ary.amerikaner@maryland.gov, for any additional information.