



**Board of Education of Howard County
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Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
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of Howard County**

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**SB0478: FAVORABLE
Career and Technical Education Committee – Alterations**

The Board of Education of Howard County (the Board) supports **SB0478 Career and Technical Education Committee – Alterations** to broaden the expertise and scope of representation on this Committee by including career college and skilled trade organizations.

The newly formed Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee under the Blueprint for Maryland's future will play a critical role in creating a world-class educational system that prepares students for a future in more than just college. The Howard County Public School System and the Board supports having relevant representation on the CTE Committee to ensure all students have access to chosen careers after high school, regardless of the type or degree provided.

These new groups, as well as the requirement for the Committee to provide school counselors lists of career colleges and skilled trade organizations in Maryland to increase awareness of student opportunities would be extremely valuable.

For these reasons, we urge a FAVORABLE report of SB0478 from this Committee.