

5. An assurance that students will be able to make up assigned work missed during virtual days when they return to in-person school.

Research across the country has clearly shown that for the vast majority of students virtual learning is not an effective form of instruction. With that in mind, these guardrails are crucial to ensure that virtual education days during inclement weather days do not adversely affect the learning of the majority of students.

MSDE believes that consistency across all school systems on the requirements for virtual education days is crucial for accountability and equitable access to instruction for Maryland’s public school students.

We respectfully request that you consider this information as you deliberate **SB 717**. Please contact Ary Amerikaner, at 410-767-0090, or ary.amerikaner@maryland.gov, for any additional information.