

Board of Education of Baltimore County

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The Honorable Katherine Klausmeier, Chair
Baltimore County Senate Delegation
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The Honorable Pat Young, Chair
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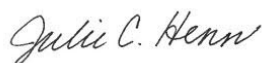
Dear Senator Klausmeier and Delegate Young:

At our [February 8, 2022, meeting](#), the Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) approved to support Senate Bill 55 – Baltimore County Board of Education – Retention of Counsel. Under the current law, the Board is only able to retain legal counsel in “legal matters that involve disputes with the Baltimore County Government.”

Baltimore County’s board is the only county board of education with this limitation. The passage of this Bill would allow the Board to hire an independent attorney, aligning Baltimore County’s board with other county boards of education across the state who are able to retain legal counsel. It would also allow the Board to receive additional expertise for Board matters and to contract for the payment of reasonable fees. The authority granted to the Board of Education of Baltimore County, through passage of this Bill, will give the Board the ability to govern more effectively, ensuring that our school system delivers the quality education our students need to graduate career and college ready.

Thank you for your consideration of the Board of Education of Baltimore County’s position on Senate Bill 55.

Sincerely,



Julie C. Henn
Chair

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