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BILL NO.: **HB 1124**

TITLE: **Primary and Secondary Education - Local School Systems -
Budget Reporting**

SPONSOR: **Delegate Adams**

COMMITTEE: **Ways and Means**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: **March 9, 2022**

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 1124 - Primary and Secondary Education - Local School Systems - Budget Reporting. This legislation would require local school systems to report all expenditures to the Accountability and Implementation Board, and make reports available to local jurisdictions.

Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski is committed to transparency and accountability within our school systems, which is vital to building trust between local school systems and the communities they serve. The State's historic investment in school infrastructure and educational improvements marks one of the largest commitments of funds in Maryland's history to create world-class educational facilities for students, and will bring an influx of local school spending throughout the State of Maryland.

Now is the time to ensure that this investment, and future school spending, is subject to the same oversight and accountability standards as other public funding. This legislation would provide many parents with the comfort that their tax dollars are spent effectively by requiring local school systems to report expenditures to the Accountability and Implementation Board and making data available to local jurisdictions. This level of transparency will provide parents the comfort they need that public funds are supporting the State's ambitious educational goals.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on House Bill 1124. For more information, please contact Joel Beller, Acting Director of Government Affairs at jbeller@baltimorecountymd.gov.

