

SB831_Education Support Professionals Workgroup_Favorable

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my support for HB1349 and the formation of the Education Support Professionals Workgroup. For too long, the people who work in our schools have overperformed while being underpaid. I have heard this firsthand from people who have worked as Educational Assistants, Administrative Assistants, Bus Drivers and the like. These people love working with students but sometimes have to get additional part time jobs to make ends meet. We live in a rural county, so employment opportunities are scarce and jobs in education are seen as secure.

Given that wages are rising in other sectors such as retail after the pandemic, it would be reasonable to at least examine how wages for educational jobs compare today. We need to attract and retain qualified people here on the Eastern Shore.

Thank you for your consideration,

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