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BILL: House Bill 1349 **DATE:** March 10, 2022
SUBJECT: Education Support Professionals **COMMITTEE:** Ways and Means and
– Workgroup and Bonus Appropriations
POSITION: Support with Amendments
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EXPLANATION:

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) supports **House Bill 1349 - Education Support Professionals – Workgroup and Bonus**, with amendments. MSDE supports the intent and charge of the established workgroup in HB 1349. Exploring strategies to ensure that support professionals are compensated appropriately for the vital services they provide in our school buildings is incredibly important.

MSDE believes that in addition to staffing the workgroup, it is critical that MSDE and the State Superintendent have a voice on this workgroup as the State’s education agency that can bring a wide lens to this workgroup’s deliberations. Additionally, the Department believes that representation from the local school systems superintendents is critical to a robust discussion and to provide perspective on operations at the school system level.

With that in mind, MSDE respectfully requests the following amendments:

1. On page 1, line 20, insert “one member of the Public School Superintendents’ Association of Maryland”
2. On page 2, line 9, insert “the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent’s designee”

We respectfully request that you consider this information as you deliberate **HB 1349**. Please contact Ary Amerikaner, at 410-767-0090, or ary.amerikaner@maryland.gov, for any additional information.