



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: HB1258
TITLE: Primary and Secondary Education – Educational Options – Established
DATE: 3/10/2022
POSITION: Oppose
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **Opposes** HB1258

- For students attending schools that are deemed “failing” by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), this legislation would allow students to select an “alternate education option,” which includes non-public schools.
- This legislation would require Montgomery County Public Schools to remit per pupil funding to MSDE for students who select this option. The per-pupil funding would be used to establish scholarships for students to select other education options, including non-public schools.
- MCPS provides many program options that facilitate school choice, transfer or a virtual program.

For these reasons, the Board **opposes** this legislation and urges an unfavorable report.