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TO: The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbear
Chair, Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Marc Elrich
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RE: House Bill 243 – *Montgomery County - Board of Education - Student Member
Scholarship MC 05-22* – Support

Under current State law, a student member of the Montgomery County Board of Education who completes a full term on the Board is entitled to receive a scholarship of \$5,000 to be applied for higher education costs. This bill establishes a new requirement that the student member receive a scholarship to be applied to higher education costs in an amount that is equal to the highest annual resident undergraduate tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board that is charged at a four-year public institution of higher education within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland Global Campus and University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus.

I believe that the scholarship amount established in the bill appropriately reflects the time and effort that a student must commit to the position and provides an enhanced incentive for students to serve the community through membership on the Board. The responsibilities of the student member are similar to the elected members and the time commitment required of student members has opportunity costs in terms of time that could have been spent on other academic, extra-curricular, or community service activities. I respectfully request that the Ways and Means Committee give this bill a favorable report.