



HB827 EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS - INSTRUCTION IN PRINT AND CURSIVE HANDWRITING

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OPPOSE

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **HB827 Education - Public Schools - Instruction in Print and Cursive Handwriting**. This bill requires each county board of education to require each public elementary school in the county to provide instruction in print and cursive handwriting to students beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.

AACPS opposes efforts by the General Assembly to legislate local public school curriculum or assessments. The authority to establish curriculum and assessments is the domain of the State Board of Education and the local boards of education, the same entities charged with the responsibility to research, investigate, and evaluate both curriculum and assessments. Maintaining this authority with the State Board and local boards allows local boards of education to collaborate with the State and stakeholders to ensure that all students, schools, and school systems are held accountable.

AACPS is committed to an ongoing and thorough review of curricula and materials of instruction to ensure that diversity, equity, and inclusion are promoted and evident.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB827.