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Maryland Senate
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support of SB 573 / HB 1054: School Health and Vision Services – Screenings and Exams

Members of the Maryland Senate’s EEE Committee.

Our 1500 plus membership of families support this bill, and the establishment of standardizing Health and vision screenings in preparing children for success in school.

What a great idea to equity and inclusion for families of children that require the wrap around supports and services included within the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future. Offering students health and vision screenings needed to fully access their education. Reducing the gaps in vision screenings so that common vision problems can be caught and treated in time to allow the student fair, full and equal access to their education.

We trust that the results of screenings and health information will be provided to families, and automatically trigger certain health services be enacted on behalf of the student(s) and their family.

After the events of the past 3 years, now more than ever, we all need supports and services to help our children be more successful in life as well as in school. Getting back to normal is going to take all of us acting in concert to support our students that need health related support services.

Please return a favorable report on SB 573/ HB 1054 in order to provide services and supports to families all across the state of Maryland. Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony here today.

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