



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Judy Mickens-Murray

Maryland General Assembly
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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District 9

11 Bladen Street

Annapolis, MD 21401

Board Members

David Murray

District 1

RE: House Bill 1079

Good afternoon, Senator Brian J. Feldman (Chair),

Jonathan Briggs

District 2

Chair and members of the Committee, my name is Judy Mickens-Murray and I serve as the Chairperson of the Prince George's County Board of Education. After careful consideration by the Board's Policy & Governance Committee, I would like to share the sentiments of the Board on several pending bills.

Pamela Boozer-Strother

District 3

Shayla Adams-Stafford

District 4

HB 1079

The Prince George's County Board of Education enthusiastically supports the provisions of this bill related to the role and election of the Student Member. Our Student Member, Alvaro Ceron-Ruiz, has served our district well, provides valuable input and is a strong representative of students in our district. Our confidence in Mr. Ceron-Ruiz is such that we supported his elevation to Chair of our Policy and Governance Committee.

Dr. Zipporah Miller

District 5

Branndon D. Jackson

District 6

Kenneth F. Harris II

District 7

We do ask that the day of enactment for the sections regarding the voting rights and election of the Student Member be changed from July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2023. This would allow the next Student Member to fully represent students and the election of the Student Member of the Board in 2024-2025 may follow the proposed election model.

Madeline LaSalle Frazier

District 8

Dr. Juanita Miller

Appointed Member

We respectfully ask that you support the Student Member provisions in HB 1079.

Curtis Valentine

Appointed Member

Walter L. Fields, MPA, MA

Appointed

Student Member

Alvaro Ceron-Ruiz

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