

HB 082

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I strongly oppose HB 082 and the provision of mental health services paid for by the state in a school-based setting.

I have an MA in Counseling and have practiced as a Licensed Professional Counselor with families and children. I've classically home educated 3 children for over 20 years. I understand the mental health and the family as the basis of a flourishing society.

Maryland parents do not want mental health services invading schools. Parents know their children best and must be the gatekeepers and decision makers for their children and families.

MSDE is failing students and parents. Test scores are abysmal. Students must focus on learning the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic. Leave the mental health decisions to parents and doctors outside of the prevue of the schools.