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House Bill 448/Senate Bill 311

Nonpublic Education – Special Education Placements – Renaming and Teacher Salaries (Teacher Pay Parity Act)

Position: **OPPOSE**

Date: February 15, 2023

To: Ways and Means Committee

The Caroline County Commissioners **OPPOSE** HB448 - Nonpublic Education – Special Education Placements – Renaming and Teacher Salaries (Teacher Pay Parity Act). The Caroline County Commissioners are strong supporters of teachers within this County. However, this legislation is placing another unfunded mandate on Counties to pay for costs of salaries and bonuses for teachers at special education placements/facilities.

Disparity Counties are increasingly struggling to provide basic services to their citizens due the previously implemented “Blueprint for Excellence”. The Commissioners believe that the progress that is being made from the extreme funding increase in our public education system is more than adequate in providing quality educational experiences for all, including our special education students.

This legislation is yet another detrimental blow to the Disparity Counties such as Caroline County that have limited resources and continuous unfunded mandates that are passed down from the State Legislature.

With this, we respectfully request an unfavorable report on House Bill 448/SB311.

Sincerely,

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