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The PTA Council of Baltimore County – the official parent stakeholder group of Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) which supports and trains nearly 150 PTA units in BCPS and represents thousands of PTA members– supports House Bill 210 (HB210): Baltimore County – Board of Education – Member Elections and Appointments.

We support this bill because it will greatly improve existing legislation governing the selection of members of Baltimore County’s hybrid Board of Education (BOE) by staggering the terms of elected and appointed members.

At PTA Council’s January 26, 2023 General Meeting, a motion was passed supporting legislation to have appointed members and elected members take seats on the Baltimore County BOE on a staggered basis.

Having 7 members elected at the general election in gubernatorial election years and 4 members appointed by the Governor in presidential election years will create more continuity on the Board and increase institutional knowledge. Existing legislation created the unintended consequence of having an entire new board take their seats at the same time, which, we believe, is detrimental to school system governance and ultimately to student achievement.

We urge you to support HB210 for the benefit of BCPS students and staff and our community.

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