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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 348 (HB348): Baltimore County – School Board Nominating Commission – Vacancy Procedures.

We support this bill because it will improve existing legislation governing how vacancies on the Baltimore County Board of Education (BOE) are filled by expediting the process.

At PTA Council’s January 26, 2023 General Meeting, a motion was passed supporting legislation to allow the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission (BCSBNC) to more quickly nominate candidates for vacant BOE seats by considering candidates who had earlier applied.

Current legislation calls for the BCSBNC to carry out an extensive notification, public meeting, application, and evaluation process to fill one vacancy. It would be more expedient to allow the BCSBNC to retain and reactivate previous candidates’ applications.

Current legislation also calls for holding three public meetings regarding the appointment process, however, this number of meetings should only take place when the BCSBNC is working to appoint four at-large members. When only filling one vacancy, one meeting, which is livestreamed, then archived, is appropriate.

We urge you to support HB348 for the benefit of BCPS students and staff and our community.

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