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House Bill 1202

In Opposition Of

Public Schools – Curriculum and Instructional Materials Way and Means Committee

Hearing: March 8, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Dear Honorable Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, Chair, and Honorable Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins, Vice Chair, and distinguished Ways and Means Committee members,

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) opposes HB 1202 Public Schools – Curriculum and Instructional Materials.

It is the position of MRSPA that curriculum decisions must be the responsibility of the State and Local Boards of Education. MRSPA's Education Priority is clear: "MRSPA supports legislation designed to enhance public education and promote lifelong learning for all students. Support for public education and lifelong learning is essential to forming an educated and productive citizenry. Curriculum decisions made in support of public education and lifelong learning must be the responsibility of State and Local Boards of Education."

MRSPA opposes HB 1202 as completely unnecessary and untenable for school systems and individual educators. The scale and scope of materials that would need to be added to a school system website would overwhelm the websites and likely require hiring additional staff to maintain them. Adding a burden like this to a classroom teacher's already overworked schedule would undoubtedly force many more educators to leave the profession. Additionally, school systems already allow parental access to curriculum and materials of instruction. This bill seeks a solution to a problem that does not exist.

On behalf of the over 12,000 members of The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we urge your opposition to and an unfavorable report on HB 1202.

Sincerely,

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