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**SUPPORT – HB1115 - County Boards of Education – Budgets – Notice (Transparency in Education Spending Act)**

Dear Delegates:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards, I am writing in support of HB1115. Local Management Boards in each county and jurisdiction in the State of Maryland conduct community needs assessments and address the needs of children and families in their respective jurisdiction. All stakeholders, including our families, benefit from a clear understanding of the sources and uses of public school funding.

HB1115 will create a process for the uniform reporting of information in a county board of education budget to timely share the information provided by a county board of education in that budget to a county governing body. The school board budget proposal and routine reporting should grant the county funding entities enough clarity and structure to assess those priorities on behalf of their communities fairly. Maryland law should ensure that decision-makers and stakeholders can connect public funds to the needed investments for educational outcomes. As local management boards, we are tasked to make sure programs within the school system align to meet targeted outcomes. Having transparent financial reporting will allow agencies to work together to support children and family needs.

We urge you to support HB1115 - County Boards of Education – Budgets – Notice (Transparency in Education Spending Act). We must ensure county decision-makers have access to these tools and information to fulfill their fiduciary duties as funding authorities and partners in school success.

Sincerely,

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