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House Bill 1363
In Opposition Of
Education – Public Schools - Asian American History Curriculum Requirement
Ways and Means Committee
Hearing: February 28, 2024 – 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 1363 - Education - Public Schools – Asian American History Curriculum Requirement.

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 is not opposed to the curriculum per se. But it is not the role or responsibility of the State legislature to mandate curriculum. **Instead, MRSPA suggests that legislators address their concerns and suggestions to the appropriate curriculum specialists at the Maryland State Department of Education.** We urge you to allow the State and Local Boards of Education to do their due diligence regarding curriculum.

On behalf of the 12,000 members of The Maryland Retried School Personnel Association we urge your opposition to and unfavorable report on HB 1363.

Sincerely,

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