



Moms for Liberty Maryland Legislative Committee urges a favorable report for SB 948 cross-filed with HB 1385: *Children -Parental Rights - Educational Rights*

The number one indicator of student success is parental involvement. Research consistently shows that students whose parents are actively engaged in their education tend to perform better academically, exhibit higher levels of motivation, and have better social-emotional outcomes. This involvement can range from providing support at home, participating in school events, or collaborating with teachers to ensure the child's needs are being met. While there are many factors that contribute to student success, including teaching quality, access to resources, and student motivation, parental involvement is consistently identified as a key factor in helping students thrive both academically and personally.

This bill is a much-needed affirmation of parents' rightful place in their children's education. If there is any hope of achieving a world class education for Maryland students, it must begin with trust, transparency, and ensuring that families have the tools to stay involved and informed. As parents, we want to be partners in our children's learning, not bystanders. SB 948 makes that possible by boosting parental involvement. This isn't just a vague promise; it's a concrete plan to increase participation and improve cooperation between home and school.

One of the standout features of this bill is its commitment to transparency. It guarantees parents the right to review all curricula, instructional materials, and even teacher training resources—whether online or in writing. Parents will also know the purpose of every school club or extracurricular activity. The most important ingredient in the recipe for success between families and schools is transparency because transparency builds trust.

Parents know their children better than anyone. They are the first and primary teachers. Increasing parents' partnership with their children's school, is a win-win for everyone.

This bill also safeguards parents' right to know about their children's well-being. Parents and school staff need to be on the same page. Passing this legislation tells parents across Maryland that our voices matter, that we're not just spectators in our children's education.

We urge you to give a favorable report to SB 948 and send a clear message: in Maryland, parents and schools are partners, working together for our children's future.