

Senate Education, Energy and Environment Committee SB 791

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing as a concerned, lifelong citizen of the State of Maryland. My professional career of over 40 years includes Thirteen (13+) years of classroom teaching and twenty-one (21) years in administration as a Principal in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. I fully support SB791.

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future calls for a 60/40 teacher/collaborative ratio. It has been noted that through the Blueprint an estimated 15,000 more teachers would need to be hired to achieve this goal. This is at a time when many districts are facing hiring challenges due to a teacher shortage and our state budget is out of control. The ratio in effect prior to the Blueprint was 80/20. This has proven to be the better solution, and I believe we should go back to this model at this time.

I do appreciate the need for collaboration, but I also believe that student are better served with classroom teachers being in the classroom 80% of the school day, doing what they do best...TEACH!

Thank you for your consideration as I once again, respectfully ask that you vote in favor of the 80/20 ratio and SB791.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Delcher