



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Brannndon Jackson  
District 6

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Chair Ben Barnes, Vice Chair Anne Kaiser, and members of the Appropriations Committee

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## **House Bill 700 Higher Education - Public Senior Higher Education Institutions - Direct Admission Program**

**Board Members**  
Dr. Tiffini Andorful  
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**Position: SUPPORT**

Pamela Boozer-Strother, MBA, CAE  
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Aimee Olivo  
District 4

Dear Chair Barnes and esteemed members of the Appropriations Committee,

Robin Brown  
District 5

Thank you for the work you all do on behalf of our students, educators, and staff across the state and in the Prince George's County Public Schools community. On behalf of the Prince George's County Board of Education, representing over 130,000 students, we are writing to express our strong support for House Bill 700 Higher Education - Public Senior Higher Education Institutions - Direct Admission Program.

Dr. Phelton C. Moss  
District 7

In March 2025, the State board adopted a new CCR standard which expanded the options for students to demonstrate CCR through advanced academics, career and workforce credentials, and other national assessments beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. These standards have been determined using best in class research on college, workforce and career readiness and align with the overall intent to support student access. These standards ensure that students who graduate from our public schools are well-equipped to success at our institutions of postsecondary education, and that the high standard outlined in this bill ensures that students are equipped for our public senior higher education institutions like the University System of Maryland, Bowie State, Morgan State and other colleges and universities with four year degree programs.

Zakyia Goins-McCants  
District 8

Lolita E. Walker, MBA, PCC  
District 9

**Student Member**  
Erioluwa Ajakaye

**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Dr. Shawn Joseph  
Superintendent

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future called on all of us in education to reimagine the system as a holistic pathway from PK - College and Career. Having a Common Application, as has been successfully done in several states, would further streamline this goal and reduce barriers for our students to succeed beyond the walls of PGCPs.

The Prince George's County Board of Education supports any legislation that provides more college access and opportunities to our scholars.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the well-being of Prince George's County students. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this legislation further.

Sincerely,

Prince George's County Board of Education