



March 23, 2026

The Honorable Members of the Maryland General Assembly Education, Energy and Environment Committee

State House

Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senators and Delegates,

On behalf of the Maryland Moms for Liberty Legislative Committee, we are writing to express our strong opposition to Senate Bill 218, currently under consideration by the Maryland General Assembly.

We believe that this bill, by granting the State Superintendent of Schools sweeping authority to determine whether schools across the state may open or remain closed, undermines the role of local school boards and the voice of parents and communities. Local circumstances, needs, and values vary widely across Maryland, and decisions regarding school openings should remain in the hands of those closest to our students—local educators, families, and elected school board members.

Centralizing this critical decision-making power in the office of the State Superintendent removes vital checks and balances that ensure transparency and accountability. It also risks setting a precedent for unilateral state control over local education issues, which could have long-term consequences for parental rights and local governance.

Maryland's families deserve a seat at the table when decisions are made that impact our children's education and well-being. We urge you to oppose Senate Bill 218 and protect the principle of local control in our public schools.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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