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**House Bill 73**  
**In Opposition Of**  
**Public Schools – Water Safety and Swimming Course – Established**  
**Ways and Means Committee**  
**Hearing: February 5, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**

Dear Honorable Delegate Wilkens, Chair, and Delegate Feldmark, Vice Chair, and distinguished committee members,

**The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) opposes HB 73.**

Our priority on Education is clear: “Curriculum decisions made in support of public education and lifelong learning must be the responsibility of State and Local Boards of Education”.

We agree that Water safety is important, particularly in Maryland, with so much shoreline. We oppose this curriculum being a mandate from the Legislature, especially as it is an unfunded mandate.

On behalf of the 12,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we urge an unfavorable report on HB 73.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth H. Weller  
President

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Virginia G. Crespo  
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