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## House Bill 423, Prince George's County – Public Middle and High Schools – Drug Detection Products (PG 507–25)

### Position: SUPPORT

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Dear Chair Wilkins and esteemed members of the Ways and Means Committee,

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 423, Prince George's County – Public Middle and High Schools – Drug Detection Products (PG 507–25).

This legislation takes an important and proactive step to protect the health and safety of middle and high school students in Prince George's County by requiring the Board of Education to provide, at no charge, drink spiking detection products and fentanyl drug detection strips beginning in the 2025–2026 school year. Making these tools readily accessible in school-based health clinics, school libraries, and school bathrooms ensures that students can discreetly and safely access life-saving harm-reduction resources when they are most needed.

The inclusion of both drink spiking detection products and fentanyl detection strips reflects a comprehensive and evidence-based approach to student safety. These products empower students with practical tools to reduce the risk of accidental overdose and drug-facilitated harm, while reinforcing the County's commitment to prevention, education, and public health.

We appreciate Delegate Taveras's leadership on this issue and commend the collaborative support from Prince George's County leadership. We strongly urge favorable consideration and passage of this bill.

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