



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Testimony From Board of Education Member

**RE: HB 569 – Queen Anne’s County – Authorized Use of Revenues from  
Development Impact Fees - SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Wilkins and Members of the Committee,

The Queen Anne’s County Board of Education supports HB 569.

Over the last 50 years we have learned so much about how the physical setting of a school contributes to the learning environment and education of our children. New schools constructed today provide a far superior learning environment to advance and engage our children than the schools of the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s. The state-of-the-art facilities that are constructed today offer significantly more opportunities for our children to learn, grow and thrive than the schools of the past.

When older antiquated schools are replaced by new schools constructed to meet current educational specifications, the school system benefits, the community benefits and all existing and future students benefit.

However, meeting the educational specifications for a new school can become very expensive and difficult for the state and local community to fund. The use of impact fees to help fund replacement schools as proposed in HB 569 is one strategy to make replacing a school a reality.

I ask that you support this legislation and urge a favorable report of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important local bill.

Respectfully,

Mathew Drayer, Board of Education