

I am writing to express my support for Maryland Senate Bill 0928.

SB0928 provides an important framework for creating **phone-free school environments**, which research shows can improve focus, reduce distractions, and enhance student learning outcomes. By allowing local boards of education to tailor policies to their communities while maintaining clear statewide guidelines, the bill strikes a practical balance between consistency and local flexibility.

The inclusion of thoughtful exceptions—for students with special needs, emergencies, or educational uses—ensures the policy is equitable and realistic. Implementing phone-free policies can help schools foster **safer, more engaged, and academically focused learning environments**.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge your support for SB0928.

Thank you for your consideration.