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MABE Testifies in Support of Senate Bill 1030: The Blueprint for Maryland's Future

Annapolis, MD, March 7, 2019 – On March 7, 2019 Maryland Association of Boards of Education Legislative Committee Chair Julie Hummer testified on behalf of MABE in support of Senate Bill 1030: The Blue Print for Maryland's Future.

"Maryland must renew its commitment to fulfilling its constitutional mandate to fully fund the equitable access to an excellent education for all students. MABE firmly believes that local boards must be at the helm, and accountable, for fulfilling their responsibility to govern school systems in the best interests of all students. MABE believes this legislation, "The Blueprint for Maryland's Future," will make possible significant improvements in the educational outcomes for all Maryland students by ensuring a balance of funding initiatives and increases, and strengthened accountability measures." Hummer shared in her testimony.

"The Kirwan Commission labored for more than two years to craft a comprehensive set of educational reforms. The Commission's work was supported by outside consultants who concluded that Maryland has fallen far below adequate funding levels based on our college and career ready learning standards. This legislation will accomplish much of the Commission's vision by providing major increases in State funding for priority programs such as prekindergarten, early interventions for struggling learners, teacher compensation, students in communities with concentrated poverty, and special education programs and services."

To read Hummer's full testimony, visit: bit.ly/sb1030support

To continue to show a strong support for adequate funding for Maryland Public Schools, the March for our Schools will take place on March 11, 2019. The march will begin at 6:00 pm from Navy Stadium and the rally will begin at 6:30 pm at the State House. For more information visit: www.marchforourschools.com.

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