

Call to Action Alert

MABE CALLS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & ACTION ON KIRWAN

The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), representing all of the State's local boards of education, is partnering with a broad coalition of more than 20 organizations to combine forces in unified support for passage of the Kirwan Commission's recommended legislation in 2020. The Coalition is now holding community forums across the state to push for the long-term funding commitment our students deserve.

[RSVP to attend a community forum near you](#)

MABE believes that Maryland must renew its commitment to fulfilling its constitutional mandate to fully fund the equitable access to an excellent education for all students. That's why we strongly support the work of the Kirwan Commission on Innovation and Excellence.

The Kirwan Commission is proposing meaningful, long-term improvements to providing high-quality prekindergarten to 3 and 4-year-olds, and expanding career & technology education, special education services, tutoring, and before and after school programs for many more students. Maryland's public schools are underfunded by \$2.9 billion. That's an average of \$2 million per school per year! Marylanders have always placed a high priority on striving to have the best public schools in the nation. The Kirwan Commission is proposing how to increase funding for programs that will make our schools among the best in the world!

Again, MABE encourages board members to attend a community forum near you & deliver the message to legislators that it is time to fix the decades-old funding formula.

For more information on the Community Forums or how to contact legislators, visit the [Maryland Blueprint](#) website.