

Why does this make sense for our students, families, communities and businesses across the state?



Expanding Early Education Opportunities

- Providing access to high quality PreK for all low-income 3 & 4 year-olds means all students entering school ready to learn
- Return on investment in education & lifetime earnings

Raising Standards to be Globally Competitive

- Maryland is no longer No. 1 in education in the U.S.
- The Blueprint adopts what's working in the No. 1 systems - from Massachusetts to Switzerland & Singapore

Equitable Increases in Funding by Student, School and County

- Maryland's 2002 funding system is out of date & not meeting the needs of students & communities
- State & local investments must increase to pay teachers, reduce class sizes, & hire more classroom aides

Excellent Outcomes for Each Student

- The Blueprint means more money for each student with special needs & accountability for results
- These major reforms are necessary to close achievement gaps
- Special Education is historically underfunded by the federal government & state formula – The Blueprint fixes this

College Readiness: Dual Enrollment in College Classes

- High schools to become early college for more students
- Counseling students early on their educational plan

Career Readiness: Technical Training for Real Jobs

- High schools with career & technology education centers
- Apprenticeships & workplace learning for more students

**Pass the Blueprint
for Maryland's
Future in 2020**

Our Kids Can't Wait!

Act now!

Tell your state Delegates and Senators to support the Kirwan Blueprint for Maryland's Future and that it must pass in 2020.

Go to www.marylandblueprint.org to contact your legislators to let them know **it's time.**

The Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) calls on all Marylanders to support the immediate passage of the Kirwan legislation to make all Maryland public schools world-class to prepare each of our students for success in college and careers.