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## Howard County Council Testifies in Support of Kirwan Commission Legislation

*Ellicott City, MD (February 18, 2020)* – On February 17, 2020, Howard County Councilwoman Christiana Rigby testified on behalf of the Howard County Council in support of HB1300 and SB1000, the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. This legislation before the Maryland General Assembly is the result of the recommendations put forth by the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, also known as the Kirwan Commission.

If passed, this legislation outlines a multi-year plan for education improvements for Maryland's public school systems. These improvements include the implementation of full-day pre-kindergarten, additional school staff, increases in teacher pay, and the expansion of career technical education to prepare our students for the workforce, among other recommendations.

In their letter of support for the Blueprint, the Howard County Council cosigners expressed their strong support for the legislation, noting that this effort reflects a "meaningful and successful vision for student achievement in the state of Maryland ... [that] presents our state with a monumental opportunity to improve public education in Maryland."

You can read the Howard County Council's written testimony to the General Assembly [here](#).

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