



What Would Passing the Blueprint Mean?

- **Expanded career and technical education** Giving more students the opportunity to graduate with industry certifications
- **Increased educator pay** Bringing salaries on par with similar professions
- **15,000 new educators** Increasing individual attention for students and the time teachers have to plan and collaborate
- **Early intervention for struggling learners** Including 1:1 and small group support
- **Increased special education funding** Ensuring all students get the support and attention they need
- **Expanded pre-k** Serving four-year-olds as well as three-year-olds coming from poverty
- **More mental health staffing** Shrinking the overwhelming caseloads faced by school counselors and psychologists
- **Expanded community schools** Turning about one-third of public schools into community schools with wraparound and other additional services
- **Equitable funding for all schools** Revamping how we fund schools to ensure that every school community is treated fairly and equitably
- **More accountability** Making sure new funding goes to classrooms, not central offices

STRONG SCHOOLS WORK

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LET'S GIVE OUR KIDS THE FUTURE THEY DESERVE

Pass the Blueprint for Maryland's Future in 2020

Our big win in the 2019 General Assembly funded the first three years of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, adding \$1.1 billion. This new funding went to an increase in teacher salaries, expanded pre-k, an increase in special education funding and mental health staffing, and 200 new community schools. Now it's time to update the state funding formula to fully implement the Blueprint over the next decade, keep ramping up resources, and make sure that every school in the state is adequately and equitably funded.

Taking maximum advantage of the student-centered recommendations of the three-year Kirwan Commission will open the door to more staffing for classrooms and services and more programs that make a difference for students in every community.

We must be successful in Annapolis in 2020—and then our job will be to make sure that money is spent on the right things so the implementation of the Blueprint works for every school, student, and educator.

YOUR SUPPORT FOR STRONG SCHOOLS IS CRITICAL

The Kirwan Commission recommendations—and Maryland's future—are in the hands of the General Assembly and governor. Our kids can't wait any longer. Legislators need to hear from parents, community members, and educators. Beginning in January, your delegates and senator will debate, potentially amend, and vote on a new funding formula and how the Blueprint will be implemented and funded for the next generation of students. **Contact your legislators today. Let them know strong schools work for EVERYONE.**