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The Honorable Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB0321 – Public Schools - Length of School Year and Innovative School Scheduling Models - Revisions

Chair Feldman:

The Board of County Commissioners for Calvert County writes in **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** to **SB0321**. We embrace the enabling nature of this legislation inviting local Boards of Education to be creative, within their approved budget, in developing a schedule to aid with retention. However, we seek amendment to require consideration of the impact on family situations accustomed to the current school schedules prior to any change. An amendment requiring a public hearing, with adequate notice provisions, in advance of any changes, would give a voice for those parents directly impacted by these decisions.

Your thoughtful consideration of this point is sincerely appreciated. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact County Administrator Julian M. Willis at 410-535-1600, extension 2202 or County Attorney John Norris at 410-535-1600, extension 2566. Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important Bill.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Mike Hart, Vice President

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cc: The Honorable Senator Jack Bailey