The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County supports SB515 Career and Technology Education and Workforce Investment Act. This bill would establish the Career and Technology Education (CTE) Grant Program within the Interagency Committee on School Construction (IAC) to provide grants to local school systems for the capital equipping of school facilities used to provide CTE. It would also authorize the Governor to include up to $2 million annually in the budget for the program for fiscal 2020 through 2026.

The Anne Arundel County Public Schools Career and Technology Education (CTE) Office provides leadership, support, and resources for all courses and programs in the areas of Applied Technology, Business Education, Computer Science, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Technology Education. CTE programs offer students an opportunity to get a head start on their career, as well as, post-secondary education. Students can earn industry certifications and transcripted college credit while completing high school graduation requirements. With 40 different completer programs, AACPS has something for everyone. Our State-approved programs of study are designed to prepare students for the 21st century global economy and its rapidly changing workforce needs.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County respectfully requests a FAVORABLE committee report on SB515.