The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County supports **SB517 CAREER APPRENTICESHIP INVESTMENT ACT**. This bill would expand a tax credit and scholarship program that support apprenticeship opportunities in the State. It would also establish matching grant programs to expand apprenticeship opportunities in workforce shortage areas and hard-to-fill local government jobs and create State and local media campaigns to promote apprenticeship opportunities.

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 and use this acquired knowledge for entry-level employment and further education at a college, technical or business school, or an apprenticeship program. 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 SB517.