The Anne Arundel County Board of Education OPPOSES Senate Bill 962 - Labor and Employment - Payment of Minimum Wage Required (Fight for Fifteen). This bill phases in an increase in the State minimum wage to $15.00 per hour by fiscal 2024, with different phase-in schedules for employers with 25 or fewer employees and for employers with 26 or more employees. For employers with 26 or more employees, this bill would increase the minimum wage for employees starting at $12 an hour on July 1, 2019, and increase the minimum wage by $1 an hour each year thereafter until the minimum wage reaches $15 an hour beginning July 1, 2022.

This proposed legislation would have a significant fiscal impact on Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) in the midst of fiscally challenging times for the school system. AACPS currently has approximately 700 employees who earn less than the wage that would ultimately be required under Senate Bill 962.

Accordingly, the Anne Arundel County Board of Education respectfully requests an UNFAVORABLE committee report on Senate Bill 962.