A Strong Start: Preparing Young Minds

We want the best for our children and we see education as the key to achieve the same. Lawmakers agreed and dedicated significant funding over the next two years to improve both academics and bolster related supports.

They did their part. Now it's our turn. It's time for us to work with our school administrators to ensure schools get the money quickly from the County and direct it toward the areas of greatest need. But first, let's follow the money.

$1.2B : State funding for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future implementation and the return to personal learning.

$150M : State funding to address the impact of COVID-19.

$1.95B : Federal funding to public education with the third round of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds.

Our Critical Next Steps

- **Contact** your school superintendent at the local school district to find out when your area will get the funds and make plans to attend community meetings that address the education budget. Ask questions. **Weigh in.**

- **Attend and Engage** in Parent/Teachers meetings to hear and monitor the progress. **There is power in numbers.**

- **Follow** up frequently with your child’s school administrators to ensure the funding is being spent on programs to reduce disparities and to advance educational equity among all students.