As a student, you may have heard rumblings about legislators dedicating significant funding over the next two years to set students up for success now and in the future. The plan is to give Maryland’s students from pre-kindergarten to high school what they need academically, socially, and emotionally so they can do well.

Now it is up to us, as a community, to make sure that you, and your fellow students get all the dollars needed to make it happen. Are you up for the challenge? If so, here’s what’s in the bag:

- **$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

**HOW TO SECURE THE BAG**

- **Contact** your school principal to find out how much money your school will receive from the County and how it will be spent on student academics and supports
- **Organize** fellow students and designate student leaders to work on improving academics and student life
- **Collaborate** with parents, principals and staff to develop or improve programs to address the academic, emotional and social needs of students
- **Review** your schools progress in introducing programs to help students strengthen their skills and advance equity