

Governor Larry Hogan
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor Hogan,

I am writing to you today to express my support of Superintendent Dr. Karen Couch's funding request for the Kent County Public School District.

I am a _____ who cares deeply about the quality of our public schools—not just for the sake of our schoolchildren, but for the economic well being of Kent County.

Adequate school funding is important to me because:

- excellent public schools lead to higher property values and a stronger tax base
- I want my child(ren) to get an education that prepares them to be successful, contributing members of society
- strong public schools are a magnet for the young families we need to revitalize the economic core of Kent County
- as a retired person, my future well being depends upon the services provided by an educated, capable local workforce

Like many small, rural school districts, we are seeing a decline in enrollment and a corresponding drop in state education funding. Yet, in spite of budget challenges, and because of the incredible efforts of our teachers and administrators, Kent County schools are finally moving in positive direction. Recent testing shows that our schools are excelling in both Kindergarten Preparedness (1st in the State of Maryland the last 2 years) and in rising PARCC scores (Kent County High School ranks #1 on the Eastern Shore and #2 in Maryland for English/Language Arts as well as #1 on the Eastern Shore and #1 in Maryland for Algebra II).

Your generous \$300,000 contribution helped our district cover last year's budget shortfall and allowed us to continue our progress. Your continuing support (and the continued ascent of our schools) would help revitalize our community by attracting new families, increasing tax revenue, and enabling us to build on our own success in years to come.

Many thanks for your continued investment in Kent County's schools—and economic future.

Sincerely,

signature

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