LWVMD ACTION ALERT

OPPOSE funding for BOOST Scholarship Program for Students in Private and Religious Schools

The State’s Primary Responsibility is to Support PUBLIC SCHOOL students.

Recent reports on the adequacy of funding for Maryland public schools gave evidence that it would require between $2 to $3 million in additional local, state and federal resources to adequately and equitable fund our 24 public school systems.

We should not be providing additional funds for private schools.

The FY2018 budget allocated $5.5 million for the BOOST scholarship program for students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch to attend private and religious schools that currently receive state funding for computers and textbooks. This year’s budget increases the allocation to $8,850,000. The Senate version of the budget bill keeps the allocation at this increased level of almost $9 million.

Our best chance to reduce this diversion of funding from where it is needed most is to urge the House Appropriations Committee to eliminate or reduce this funding.

The committee will be making decisions on

Friday, March 16
• If any of the committee members below are your delegates, please contact them immediately to oppose BOOST funding.
• Starred delegates are members of the Education and Economic Development Subcommittee, and are especially important.
• If none of the members are in your district, contact the Chair and Co-Chair.

For talking points, click here to see LWVMD testimony opposing this program.

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