



House Bill 156/Senate Bill 172 (Public Charter School Facility Fund)

Support Equitable Funding for Maryland's Public Charter Schools

Maryland's public charter schools are public schools, but they do not receive public funding for school facilities under current law.

As public schools, public charter schools are entitled by Maryland law to receive funding from local school districts that is "commensurate" to the funding provided to traditional public schools on a per pupil basis. However, this funding is based on the district's operating budget, so it does not include commensurate funding for school facilities costs. Maryland does not provide per pupil funding or other programs to assist public charter schools in obtaining and maintaining appropriate school facilities in which to educate their students.

Public charter schools in Maryland spend an average of \$1,600 per pupil annually to obtain and maintain appropriate school facilities in which to educate their students.

According to the December, 2016 report on public charter school funding prepared by the American Institutes of Research (AIR) for the Maryland General Assembly pursuant to Chapter 311 of 2015, Maryland's public charter schools spent an average of \$1,600 per pupil on facilities in the 2014/2015 school year, with the majority spending between \$1,000 and \$2,500 per-pupil. In Baltimore City, the average public charter school spends 15% of its per pupil operating revenue to purchase and maintain facilities, while in Anne Arundel County, the average facilities cost is 20% of public charter schools' operating per pupil revenue.

Public charter schools must divert funds from the classroom to facilities expenses.

In the absence of public funding, public charter schools are responsible for finding and paying for their own school facilities using per pupil operating revenues (diverting these funds from the classroom) or private fundraising. No traditional public school is forced to divert funds from educational programs or privately fundraise to acquire, rent or improve its school facility.

Maryland lags behind the District of Columbia and other states in requiring public charter schools to divert educational funds to pay for school facilities expenses.

Many other states, including the District of Columbia and Massachusetts, provide per pupil funding or other programs to assist public charter schools in obtaining and maintaining appropriate facilities in which to educate their students. The District of Columbia provides public charter schools with a facilities allowance of approximately \$3,200 per pupil.

The lack of facilities funding for Maryland's public charter schools leaves Federal dollars on the table.

Providing facilities funding to public charter schools will increase the opportunity for Maryland to receive federal funding through the Per Pupil Facilities Aid Program, which provides matching funds to programs that provide public charter schools with facilities financing on a per-pupil basis, as well as the Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant. One of the major weaknesses noted in Maryland's most recent proposals for CSP funding is the state's lack of facilities funding for public charter schools.

The Maryland Alliance of Public Charter Schools supports the passage of House Bill 156 / Senate Bill 172 (Public Charter School Facility Fund) providing State funding of public charter school facilities expenses of up to \$1,600 per pupil.

HB 156 / SB 172 would establish a facilities fund administered by the State Department of Education through which each Maryland public charter school will receive funding for its documented facilities expenses each year up to the level of \$1,600 per pupil enrolled in the school. This funding would be new State funding for public charter school facilities in local Districts, complementing State funding for public school facilities currently provided to LEAs.

Maryland's parents and families want public educational options for their children. Public charter schools in Maryland provide innovative, high quality options for children and families, and are among some of the highest performing schools in their districts on a variety of measures. Equitable funding for public charter school facilities will better enable public charter schools to provide innovative, quality, public educational models to Maryland's students and their families.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 156 / SB 172!

Maryland Alliance of Public Charter Schools
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STEAM Educators

For Maryland's Future Innovators

CLF's STEAM Schools Recent Successes

Chesapeake Science Point (6-12)

- **CSP HS receives 5 STAR rating from MSDE School Transparency and Reporting (STAR) System (2017-2018)**
- **CSP MS receives 5 STAR rating from MSDE School Transparency and Reporting (STAR) System (2017-2018)**
- **HS Math Team finished overall with SILVER for the AACC season, marking its tenth year in a row at SILVER or GOLD! (2018)**
- **MS MathCounts 10 years in a row as GOLD CHAMPIONS! (2018)**
- MS/HS STEAM School students competed in the Blacks in Government Oratorical Competition and STEM Competition. Aaron Chu was awarded **GOLD** & Eric Chu won **BRONZE** in the Stem Competition and Isa Liggans earned **BRONZE** in the Oratorical Competition. (2018)
- HS STEAM School Seaperch Robotics Team is the only school in MD to have **TWO TEAMS IN THE TOP EIGHT!** Both qualified to compete at the international competition at Dartmouth College (2018)
- SeaPerch Team wins **SILVER** at Delaware HS Robotics competition (2018)
- MS VEX Robotics Team wins **SILVER** Medals at 2018 Monkton Competition (2018)
- AACPS **STEM Student of Excellence Award:** Anna Fahey & Mark Kelm. (2018)
- Capital Gazette **Outstanding Student Achiever Award** Recipients: Mark Kelm, Connor Parker, and Kayla Poole (2018)
- Maya Albayrak wins **BRONZE** overall in AACPS County Science fair and will travel to Pittsburgh for the **INTEL ISEF competition**. Maya Albayrak wins **\$3500 grant** from the Maryland Armed Forces Communications & Electronics association and Maya Albayrak's ACT Score is in the top two percentile for Hispanic Students (2018)
- FBI Blacks in Government **Stem Award Winner:** Eric Chu (2017)
- MS/HS STEAM SCHOOL receives a "**GOLD**" ranking Nationally by US News & Reports
- MS/HS STEAM SCHOOL wins **4TH PLACE** in State MDC3 Cyber Conference
- David Kravets wins **Grand Award** at Anne Arundel County Regional Science Fair
- MS/HS STEAM SCHOOL earns **BRONZE** at Regional SeaPERCH Underwater Competition
- Brynna Neal wins **GOLD** (I-SWEEP Outstanding Sustainability Project Award) and represents MS/HS STEAM SCHOOL at I-SWEEP Convention in Texas
- David Kravets receives a **SILVER** medal at 9th Annual International Sustainable World (Energy, Engineering & Environment) Project Olympiad (I-SWEEP)
- MS/HS STEAM SCHOOL Robotics Team wins **GOLD and SILVER** medals at Johns Hopkins Robotics Competition (2016)
- **STATE CHAMPIONS:** MS/HS STEAM SCHOOL Robotics MS Team Underwater Robotics team wins the 2016 State SeaPERCH Finals
- MS/HS STEAM SCHOOL Science Olympiad team wins **BRONZE** at 2016 Science Olympiad State Finals
- MS/HS STEAM SCHOOL HS VEX Robotics Team wins **GOLD** in National Vex Robotics Competition

- **MS/HS STEAM SCHOOL CHAMPIONS** at 7th annual Carderock Math Invitational Contest
- MS/HS STEAM SCHOOL ranks **4th** for regional PARCC assessment
- David Kravet receives **SILVER** at 50th Anne Arundel County Regional Science and Engineering Fair

Chesapeake Math & IT Academy North (K-12)

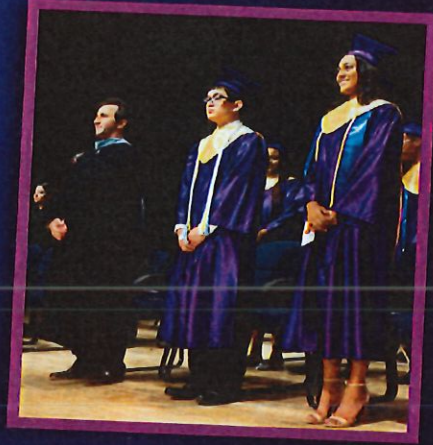
- **CMIT North HS receive 5 STAR rating from MSDE School Transparency and Reporting (STAR) System (2017-2018)**
- **CMIT North MS receive 5 STAR rating from MSDE School Transparency and Reporting (STAR) System (2017-2018)**
- **CMIT Elementary receives 4 STAR rating from MSDE School Transparency and Reporting (STAR) System (2017-2018)**
- CMIT HS Math Team wins **GOLD** at National Society of Black Engineer's Try-math-alon (NSBE) Invitational
- CMIT students earn **GOLD** in their respective sections, and as a team, they tied for 1st place at 2nd Annual Mid-Atlantic Spring Scholastic Chess Championships. (2018)
- CMIT-N MS Science Olympiad Team wins **BRONZE** at State Science Olympiad Competition (2018)
- CMIT-N NSBE Team wins **3 GOLD, 2 SILVER, 1 BRONZE & 1x 4TH PLACE** awards at 44th Annual NSBE Convention (2018)
- MS Science Olympiad earns **MD's 3RD BEST TEAM** (2018)
- CMIT wins **GOLD** at Maryland Chess Association Mid Atlantic Class Championship
- CMIT places 7th at **Super Nationals VI Chess Championship**
- CMIT MS Science Olympiad Team earns **BRONZE** at 2016 Science Olympiad State Finals
- **MESA STATE CHAMPIONS:** CMIT-E MESA Team wins **GOLD** (2018)
- CMIT-E wins **5 GOLD medals & 3 SILVER** medals at the PGCPS STEM Fair (2018)
- CMIT-E Math Olympiad Team places in the **top 10% internationally** with one student in the **2% internationally** (2018)
- CMIT-E **3x GOLD & 1 SILVER:** Regional MESA Competition
- CMIT-E **GOLD Medal** from Perennial Math Competition
- CMIT-E **6 Perfect Scores Medals** from Perennial Math Competition
- CMIT-N HS Bold Beautiful Bridge Team wins **5th Best Team** in the 11th & 12th-grade division at 2018 National AASHTO TRAC Bridge Building Competition! (2018)
- CMIT's first graduating class achieves **100% graduation and 100% college acceptance and raises \$7,000,000,000 in Scholarships!** (2017)
- **GRAND OPENING: CMIT Academy North High School (Est. 2017)**
- **GRAND OPENING: Chesapeake Math & IT Academy Elementary (Est. 2014)**

Chesapeake Math & IT Academy South (K-12)

- **CMIT South MS receives 4 STAR rating from MSDE School Transparency and Reporting (STAR) System (2017-2018)**
- CMIT-S VEX Robotics Team win **SILVER** at Virginia VEX competition
- CMIT-S VEX Robotics win **SILVER** at Wexford Pennsylvania Competition
- **GRAND OPENING: CMIT South Elementary opens to serve 400 new students in PG County (Est.2018)**



CONGRATULATIONS CMIT CLASS OF 2018



\$6,171,061

in Scholarships

97.9%

Class Graduation Rate!

87%

College Acceptances!



CONGRATULATIONS CSP CLASS OF 2018

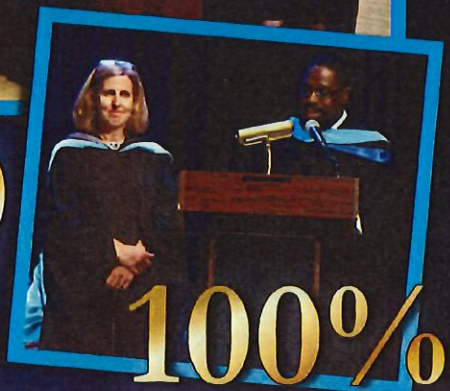


\$1,212,600

in Scholarships

100%

Class Graduation Rate!



100%

College Acceptances!

SENATE OF MARYLAND



Resolution

*Be it hereby known to all that
The Senate of Maryland
offers its sincerest congratulations to*

Chesapeake Science Point Charter School

in recognition of

*being named the highest ranked high school in
Anne Arundel County by
the Maryland State Board of Education.*

*The entire membership extends its best wishes on
this memorable occasion and directs this resolution
be presented on this 4th day of December 2018.*



James V. Mike Miller Jr.
President of the Senate

Anne Arundel County Senate Delegation

Sponsor
E. J. Reilly District 33
Senate Resolution No. 1410

