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## Saving our HCPSS Media Specialists

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Dear County Leaders,

**I am writing to ask that you fully fund our schools** so that vital positions are not eliminated. It is so important to keep two certified media specialists in every high school, and HCPSS is considering cutting one from each school. I am a substitute teacher in the county (and former HCPSS teacher) and it is very obvious to me that each high school does indeed need two media specialists. They work so hard, they are always busy, and there's no way a paraeducator could do all the things they do. They don't have the education, nor should they be required to do all the things our media specialists do. Technology and media literacy are increasingly important in this day and age, and we need to make those areas a priority, not cut them. Please fund our schools so we don't have to make all these inappropriate cuts to staff.

Thank you for your time,  
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## School Library positions

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Howard county public schools have a great reputation. **Media Specialist** and their assistants are a big part of the successful programs that make our schools so great. Please approve the budget that includes these important educators.

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