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From: vmlawyerster@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vivian Moore Lawyer
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Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022 7:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Expand enhanced school-based mental health services to ALL Howard County public schools

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Dear Howard County Council,

\I am writing in strong support of bringing enhanced mental health supports to ALL Howard County public schools.

As you know, all schools in Howard County have a standard set of mental health services available to students but only about 60 percent of schools have an enhanced set of supports that includes 1:1 counseling services – offered to students, with parent permission, by licensed professionals during the school day. County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball has promised \$1 million in funding for mental health, along with nearly \$1 million in philanthropic support from the Horizon Foundation and the Kahlert Foundation, to bolster this program. These investments will help bring these enhanced mental health supports to all Howard County public schools over the next two years. We urge you to protect and expand funding for this important program in this year's budget to ensure this gets done.

This program eliminates many barriers to students getting the help they need. Parents in these schools don't need to take off work to get their child to treatment, and students don't have to miss a bunch of instructional time waiting for and traveling to and from appointments. Nationally, more than 70 percent of students receiving mental health services access them in the school setting. Howard County must not fall behind, especially in this time of great stress and anxiety for our students.

We want every child in Howard County to have all the tools they need to thrive inside and outside of the classroom. After nearly two years of this pandemic, our students need these mental health supports more than ever. We strongly urge you to protect and expand funding for these enhanced school-based mental health services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: omalley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Beth OMalley
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Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022 5:29 PM
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Dear Howard County Council,

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As a parent I'm grateful that all schools in Howard County have a standard set of mental health services available to students but only about 60 percent of schools have an enhanced set of supports that includes 1:1 counseling services – offered to students, with parent permission, by licensed professionals during the school day.

I applaud County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball for promising \$1 million in funding for mental health, along with nearly \$1 million in philanthropic support from the Horizon Foundation and the Kahlert Foundation, to bolster this program. These investments will help bring these enhanced mental health supports to all Howard County public schools over the next two years. We urge you to protect and expand funding for this important program in this year's budget to ensure this gets done and to ensure that our county is known for prioritizing holistic health for its citizens.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Beth OMalley
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From: daniel.rabbitt.jr@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dan Rabbitt
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Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022 3:58 PM
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: ptellie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Eleanor Paczkowski
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Eleanor Paczkowski
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Sayers, Margery

From: bpolonskylcsw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barbara Polonsky
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Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 12:50 AM
To: CouncilMail
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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Sayers, Margery

From: Geraldina Ascencio <gcamila2509@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 5:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: interpreters in Spanish petition

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Good afternoon, I am writing this letter to request the support of the county in the incorporation of more interpreters in Spanish in the schools.

The Hispanic community in Howard County is in need of this service, much of our Latino community does not speak English and many are in the process of learning the language, we need more interpreters in our schools, that way as parents we will be more informed of our children and adolescents.

From My personal experience, I have a child with IEP, Autism and it is very important for me to understand each learning method that is implemented, many times the interpreters are not enough to cover the meetings and these take more time to schedule.

Please, please take our request into account.

I would like to mention the great work of Griselda Osorio who is an interpreter in two schools and one of them is Hanover Hill Elementary.

waiting for a favorable response,

Thank you!!

Geraldine Ascencio
(443) 378 1021