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**From:** Ryan Powers <rpowerz115@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:55 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** boe@hcpss.org; superintendent@hcpss.org  
**Subject:** Howard County Education Coalition urges you to please support CB45-2025  
**Attachments:** HoCoEdCoalition-2025-05-13.pdf

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Dear Councilmembers,

Attached is a letter from the Howard County Education Coalition urging you to pass CB 45-2025 and close the remaining \$14.7M gap in the HCPSS FY26 budget.

As an individual, I would also like to emphasize our inability to find the necessary financial reports made us especially wary about the proposal to spend various HCPSS fund balances. I would appreciate more public discussion about this to increase understanding.

Thank you for your time,

Ryan Powers

May 13, 2025

To the Howard County Council:

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Sincerely,

Catherine Carter  
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**From:** Sara Fry <sara.fry7@gmail.com>  
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Thank you for your continued commitment to our students.

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