

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Testimony of the
Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners
In Support of
House Bill 743
Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems
Reemployment**

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The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners supports House Bill 743 which specify circumstances in which retired teachers, mentors and principals may be rehired without triggering a retirement benefit reduction.

Any legislation that strives to reduce any impediments to hiring teachers or administrators to work in schools is legislation that the school system fully supports. With this legislation, the school system could rehire retired highly qualified personnel and we would also hope that the rehired personnel would continue to work in the schools with high concentration of poverty and the greatest needs.

This bill moves the system closer to providing high quality educational services to its student body by allowing it to rehire experienced teachers. As with all school districts in Maryland, the Baltimore City Public School System is experiencing a very difficult time recruiting highly qualified teachers, particularly to teach in Title I schools and critical shortage areas

For the above reasons, the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners supports House Bill 743 and urges a favorable report.

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