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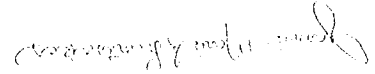
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These specialized classrooms support many students who can not rely on speech alone to be heard and students who can not come home and tell their parents about what happened to them in school. A survey conducted in self-contained special education classrooms will add a layer of protection for a vulnerable deterrent to further cut school pathways. Recess, lunch, cafeteria and exterior grounds are no exception. There are surveillance cameras in schools as a safety and security measure and a surveillance camera have done the same in many ways. Why not in our world and schools?

Cameras support of HB226 to allow parents and students to have a third eye in self-contained classrooms. Maryland

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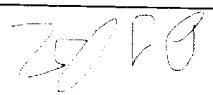
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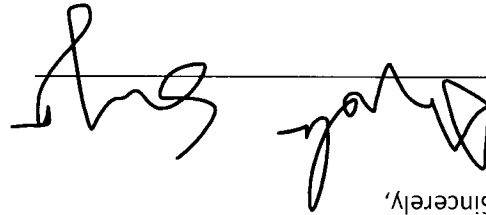
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