

# BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Honorable James Kraft  
Chair, Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee  
Baltimore City Council  
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Dear Councilman Kraft:

City Schools has read and is in full support of the Baltimore City Successful Transitions Task Force (Council Bill 10-0199R). The bill creates a taskforce to identify and deliver support services for foster care youth that are approaching aging out of the Foster Care system. Providing this additional layer of support will assist the students to successfully transition to adulthood with key tools including a high school diploma.

City Schools is committed to meeting the needs of all students including those that require additional support. City Schools has identified that more than 2,000 of our students are in some way connected to the Foster care system. These students are provided additional support including monitoring of their attendance and grades to ensure that they are on track to graduate.

The Baltimore City Successful Transitions Task Force should be implemented immediately. The Baltimore City School is proud to be a member of the Task Force and looks forward to further strengthening supports for students aging out of Foster Care.

Sincerely,



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