



2020, the Maryland General Assembly passed The Blueprint for Maryland's Future, legislation to put the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission into practice. In 2021, the General Assembly went on to override Governor Hogan's veto of the Blueprint legislation, making the funding formulas contained in the bill state law.

The Baltimore City Council has repeatedly affirmed its commitment to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, having called for an override of Governor Hogan's veto of the legislation and holding hearings to assess Baltimore's fiscal readiness for additional education funding obligations. The City Council believes that adequately-funded public education is a tremendous tool to combat the impacts of concentrated poverty. The City Council further believes that, once fully implemented, the Blueprint for Maryland's Future will have an immeasurable impact on the lives of and educational outcomes for Baltimore City public school students.

In January of 2022, Governor Hogan released his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023. His budget did not contain mandated funding for several Blueprint initiatives, including the Education Effort Adjustment index intended to more equitably share between the state and Baltimore City the increased financial commitment to our students. This component of the state education funding formula was expected to provide an additional \$99 million in funding to Baltimore City schools. The Governor is required by law to provide this funding.

At a time when the State of Maryland expects to realize an unprecedented budget surplus, the City Council sees no justification for the Governor to not provide this funding as required.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore,** That the Baltimore City Council urges Governor Lawrence J. Hogan to immediately take all necessary action to fully fund the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and satisfy all education funding requirements mandated by state law.

**And be it further resolved,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland, the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly, the Mayor, the Baltimore City Council President, the President's legislative staff, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.