

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. 9

Resolution No. 9-22

Introduced by Ms. Pickard and Mr. Pruski

By the County Council, April 18, 2022

1 RESOLUTION recognizing Anne Arundel County Public Schools for its high  
2 graduation rate and its continued commitment to excellence in education

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4 WHEREAS, according to the Maryland State Department of Education, the  
5 graduation rate for Anne Arundel County Public Schools (“AACPS”) surpassed  
6 90% for the first time with the Class of 2021 and, notably, six student groups  
7 achieved the highest rates ever; and

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9 WHEREAS, the most recent four-year cohort graduation rate is 90.25% and marks  
10 the third straight year of increases in the graduation rate for AACPS students; and

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12 WHEREAS, the school system’s four-year cohort graduation rate is a measure of  
13 the percentage of students who graduate four years after entering high school and a  
14 strong graduation rate typically highlights the hard work of students, the  
15 commitment, talent, and passion of teachers and staff, and the presence of  
16 outstanding support systems; and

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18 WHEREAS, since 2011, the graduation rate has increased incrementally and  
19 AACPS has seen rate increases in every student category; and

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21 WHEREAS, the graduation rate for special education students has increased by  
22 approximately 22% over that time period and is the highest rate yet; and

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24 WHEREAS, significant increases in the graduation rate for students receiving free  
25 and reduced-price meals, African-American students, English Language Learners,  
26 and Hispanic students have also been realized; and

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28 WHEREAS, the gap in the graduation rate between African-American students and  
29 their white classmates has also narrowed by more than one-third in that time; and

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31 WHEREAS, the graduation rates for six student groups in particular,  
32 Hispanic/Latino (81.26%), White (93.16%), English Language Learners (60.82%),  
33 student receiving free and reduced-price meals (84.58 %), students with Section  
34 504 accommodations (90.4%), and Military Connected students (97.73%), are at  
35 all-time highs; and

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37 WHEREAS, the graduation rates for English Language Learners and Military  
38 Connected students also each climbed by nearly 11%; and

1 WHEREAS, of the County's thirteen comprehensive high schools, nine schools –  
2 Arundel, Broadneck, Chesapeake Science Point, Glen Burnie, Northeast, Old Mill,  
3 Severna Park, South River, and Southern High Schools – now have graduation rates  
4 above 90%; and

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6 WHEREAS, this extraordinary accomplishment reflects the diligence, dedication,  
7 and commitment to success of all AACPS teachers, staff, students, and families;  
8 now, therefore, be it

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10 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby  
11 recognizes the teachers, staff, students, and families of Anne Arundel County Public  
12 Schools for its commitment to excellence in education and applauds the all-time high  
13 graduation rate achieved; and be it further

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15 *Resolved,* That the County Council congratulates and commends all graduates of Anne  
16 Arundel County high schools and programs and wishes the graduates continued success;  
17 and be it further

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19 *Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. George Arlotto, Superintendent,  
20 Anne Arundel County Public Schools; and to Joanna Bache Tobin, President, Anne  
21 Arundel County Board of Education.

READ AND PASSED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

By Order:



Laura Corby  
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 9-22 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY  
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Lisa D. B. Rodvien  
Chair