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Dear Dr. Salmon;

The Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce, along with other indicators such as the high rate of unfilled, skilled jobs in Maryland, point to the necessity of a post-secondary experience for all high school graduates. These indicators suggest that a post-secondary experience be defined as the pursuit of a four-year degree, two-year degree or certification pathway.

Maryland's 16 community colleges, serving approximately 500,000 degree-seeking and continuing education students, are well positioned to accommodate the needs of our diverse high school graduates as they pursue these needed post-secondary experiences. Our success working with high school students is apparent within our dual enrollment programs.

The Maryland Association of Community Colleges, MACC, therefore suggests enrollment in either a degree seeking or continuing education pathway at one of Maryland's 16 community colleges be included in the new State ESSA plan as one of the readiness indicators for post-secondary success.

The Maryland Association of Community Colleges, MACC, offers this recommendation for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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