

From what I could see there was not a section on the survey for written feedback.

One of the biggest concerns for me was the fact that fine arts is only included in one fraction of the Maryland Accountability Program framework in the "access to well-rounded educational program" in secondary schools. The elementary program includes fine arts and physical education as a program of study that 5th grade students need to be successful in academically, in addition to core subjects. In the elementary level fine arts and physical education are mentioned in the academic area and the well rounded education for school accountability. Perhaps I did not read the information correctly but I am concerned that the requirement to not include fine arts and physical education in the secondary school requirements for 8th grade and high school graduation by this framework's standards may drastically affect music and PE programs across the state by reducing student enrollment in these classes in lieu of other courses, jeopardizing teacher positions, and program excellence.

Please clarify if I am mistaken in my understanding.

Thank you,

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