

# Media Advisory

## Comptroller's Workgroup on Pandemic Spending to Meet Tuesday

*State Department of Education representatives, local school system leaders and Baltimore teacher will share effectiveness, challenges of relief aid*

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**WHAT:** The [Comptroller's Workgroup on Pandemic Spending](#) will hold its seventh meeting on Tuesday, March 29, at 1 p.m. to continue its review of state and federal COVID-related spending, with a focus on K-12 education.

Howard County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Michael Martirano and Robert Reilly, Associate Superintendent of Finance for Montgomery County Public Schools, will provide local perspectives on how relief aid was spent, as well as what helped and hindered educators, students and parents.

Representatives from the Maryland State Department of Education will share a broad overview of federal and state funds dispersed to local school systems and child care facilities, which the agency oversees.

The Workgroup also will hear from Nathan Ferrell, a Baltimore City high school Spanish teacher who is presenting on behalf of the Baltimore Teachers Union. Mr. Ferrell taught in Howard County for nine years, before moving in 2015 to the Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women, where he is a Model Teacher on the

BTU Career Pathways and serves as the Site-Based Mentor for early career teachers.

During the past 10 months, the Comptroller's Workgroup on Pandemic Spending has heard from numerous state agencies and community organizations about the successes, failures and difficulties of pandemic-related programs. The workgroup, established by the Comptroller after the General Assembly set aside funds in the FY 2022 budget for a review of pandemic-related spending, is examining how funds have been expended, whether they went to intended recipients and populations most in need; disparities in distribution; and possible predatory fraud and pandemic profiteering.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022  
1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Louis L. Goldstein Treasury Building – Assembly Room  
80 Calvert St.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The meeting will also be [livestreamed on the Comptroller's YouTube channel](#).

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