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Harford County Public Schools Achieves Highest Graduation Rate Since 2011

Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) is proud to announce that the four-year graduation rate for the Class of 2024 has reached 91.6%, marking the highest graduation rate since the Maryland State Department of Education adopted the cohort model in 2011. This represents an increase from the 90.8% graduation rate for the Class of 2023.

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) also reported that the state's overall four-year cohort high school graduation rate for 2024 reached 87.6%, the highest level since 2017. The state graduation rate saw a 1.8 percentage point increase compared to the prior year, with the most significant gains among Hispanic students and multilingual learners. Additionally, the four-year cohort dropout rate decreased statewide.

"We are incredibly proud of our students, educators, families, and staff for this remarkable achievement," said Dr. Sean Bulson, Superintendent of Harford County Public Schools. "This milestone reflects our commitment to providing high-quality education and support systems that ensure student success. We will continue to build on this progress to help every student reach their full potential."

The Class of 2023 graduation data, which was used in calculating each high school's state star rating, along with other academic performance data, will be presented to the Board of Education of Harford County during a Board Business Meeting on **March 10, 2025**.

HCPS remains dedicated to fostering an educational environment where all students can thrive. With targeted initiatives and ongoing support for students, the district continues to set new benchmarks in academic achievement and graduation success.

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