

Dear Colleagues,

As we enter into the third week of our spring 2022 semester, I want to share some potentially good news: *ACM may see an increase in funding from the State of Maryland.*

- In his proposed FY2023 budget, Governor Hogan has recommended strong support for Maryland's community colleges. (Learn more in this [recent Maryland Association of Community College newsletter](#).)
- I've personally asked the Western Maryland Delegation to support the Governor's recommendations.
- We're cautiously optimistic. I'll update you on these and other funds that have the potential to improve our college and the learning experiences of our students.

### **Protect the Investment**

Securing extra funding for our college and our students only matters *if we're fully here and engaged.*

Please be vigilant every day to [prevent the spread of COVID-19](#) at our campuses and education sites.

- Get vaccinated or receive your booster as soon as possible. Vaccines are safe, free, and [readily available](#).
- [Self-check](#) for symptoms daily. Report symptoms, exposure, and positive COVID-19 tests immediately by calling 301-784-5061 or emailing [covidreports@allegany.edu](mailto:covidreports@allegany.edu).
- Wear a [well-fitting mask](#) or respirator properly indoors. Everyone is required to wear a face mask in the presence of others indoors regardless of their vaccination status. This is critically important.
- Social distance (by six feet) whenever possible.
- Wash or sanitize hands frequently.
- Choose to host meetings over Zoom or Teams when possible.

If you have questions or concerns, please email me directly or speak with your Vice President or Supervisor.

Warm regards,

Dr. B