

## MARYLAND ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE REFORM

Working to end unnecessary incarceration and build strong, safe communities



### MAJR General Meeting

Tuesday, November 27th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Prince George's County Education Association  
8008 Marlboro Pike, Forestville Maryland 20747



## MAJR held a General Meeting to plan for the 2019 legislative session.

Over fifty people met at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church on South Conkling Street in Baltimore, Maryland on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September despite earlier forecasts for a possible hurricane and thunderstorms.

Among the potential initiatives and concerns which were presented we heard about:

- Questions for Governor Larry Hogan and Ben Jealous;
- JRA funding;
- Citations in lieu of arrest;
- School-to-prison pipeline;
- Mental health screening and diversion;
- Solitary confinement;
- Correctional education;
- Books in prison;
- Families of the Incarcerated;
- Juvenile lifers;
- Reentry coordination;
- Pre-release housing for women;
- Certificates of rehabilitation;
- Cost of incarceration;
- Mental health self-help groups.

To see a more complete report of this active General Meeting of MAJR visit

<https://www.ma4jr.org/majr-minutes/>

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## Shutting Down the School-to-Prison Pipeline

The Maryland Commission on School to Prison Pipeline and Restorative Justice Practices met on September 17, and MAJR Monitor Pat Marks, who has been attending their meetings regularly, brings us this report.

In the 2017 Maryland Legislative Session, under the leadership of Delegate Alonzo Washington, (D-P.G.) House Bill 1287 was enacted to create a Commission on the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices. The Commission is charged with studying discipline practices in Maryland public schools; focusing on Maryland data indicative of the School-to-Prison Pipeline; and examining best practices for implementation and training in restorative practices to eliminate the disproportionate treatment of students, with a focus on engaging parents. The work will culminate in recommendations on the establishment of a Collaborative Action Plan to redesign public school discipline practices.

At the September 17, 2018 meeting of the Commission on the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices, the group reviewed the current draft of the report due on December 31, 2018 and heard presentations about current restorative practices in three

county school systems: Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Howard.

For a more complete report visit <https://ma4jr.org/school-to-prison/>

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