



Montgomery County Board of Education

2022 Annual Legislative Priorities

The Montgomery County Board of Education supports —

| Learning | Respect | Relationships | Excellence | Equity |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully funding the financial adjustments that continue to be necessary due to the Coronavirus, including the Maintenance of Effort formula • Fully funding any legislatively mandated initiatives, including the Kirwan Commission recommendations • A robust and innovative statewide school construction and renovation funding plan • Locally forward-funded projects remaining eligible for state funding – even if complete • Changing the state funding process from a project by project allocation to a block grant allocation • Establishing incentives for green and energy-efficient school construction. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserving local autonomy over education • Decision making authority at the local level- including school calendars, curriculum, testing, and procurement issues • Ensuring support for employee relationships and ensuring fair and equitable treatment of all employees • Strategies that improve MCPS’ environmental impact • Supporting student transportation decisions being made at the local level • Issues of educational judgment being determined at the local level | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the physical, social, and psychological well-being for all students • Creating and funding a comprehensive suicide awareness, prevention, intervention, and postvention model • Providing additional funding to expand training of staff members for students showing signs and symptoms of mental health illness and concerns • Continued promotion of an atmosphere of respect and nondiscrimination for all students and staff • Working together with communities and families to include family and community stakeholder voices in policy decisions • Supporting and partnering with our parent-teacher associations • Maintain clusters and communities whenever possible during redistricting decisions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing all students to be college, career and community ready • Maintaining the authority of local boards of education to determine educational policy, curriculum, additional graduation requirements, and administration • Creating a safe and secure environment for all students – including innovative strategies to ensure a safe and secure learning and working environment for students and staff • Investing in early childhood- including universal pre-K, fostering student readiness, and ensuring affordable child care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing equitable opportunities and ensuring equitable access for all students • Increased state funding for specialized programs- including Career and Technology Education (CTE) Programs • Ensuring that any mandated accountability system is implementable and focused on rigor for all, eliminating disparity based on race and economic circumstances • Expanding the Maryland Meals for Achievement Program as an entitlement • Efforts to increase federal funding for the Summer Food Service Program |