

# The Community Advisory Council . . .

## Your Voice in the Howard County Public School System

### What is the Community Advisory Council?

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) is open to all citizens of Howard County and provides feedback, insight, and community views to the Board of Education of Howard County (BOE). We strive to represent a diverse and wide ranging set of viewpoints.

The group facilitates communication between the community and the Board on issues of concern, and inquires about matters concerning education as directed by the BOE.

At monthly meetings, the CAC brings in guest speakers to provide its members with information about initiatives, educational programs and processes. This enables the community to participate more effectively in the educational process and to make the process more responsive to the community.



### How Does the CAC Work?

The CAC meets one evening a month.

#### Information is gathered

- Education-related initiatives, reports, and research findings are presented to the entire group by HCPSS administration and community organizations.

#### Discussion and feedback

- Everyone is encouraged to ask questions of the guest speakers, to express their thoughts and share comments from themselves and others in the community.
- Votes of consensus are taken when the CAC is prepared to offer opinions or recommendations to the Board or a policy committee.

#### Recommendations are presented

- The CAC Executive Board\* prepares a report to reflect the outcome of the discussions and votes. This report is officially presented to the Board in both oral and written form.

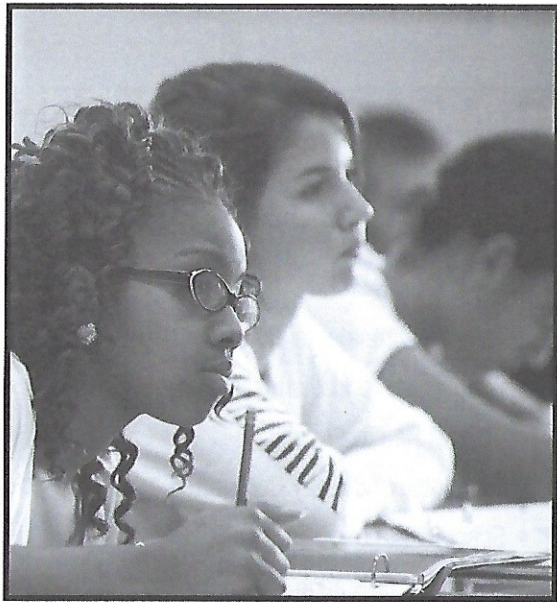
\* The CAC chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and policy coordinator are elected each year to a one-year term.

### Representation on Committees/ Task Forces/Initiatives

- Indoor Environmental Quality Advisory Committee
- School Start and Dismissal Times Initiative
- School Health Council
- Technology Advisory Committee
- School Instructional Calendar Committee
- Friends of Education Award Selection Committee
- Attendance Area Adjustment Committee
- Anti-bullying Task Force
- Policy Review Committees







### Issues the CAC has addressed:

- Common Core and PARCC testing
- Digital education initiatives
- Attendance area adjustments
- Policy review and revision
- Equitable distribution of resources
- School renovations
- School Wellness policy
- Academic calendar
- Gifted and Talented programs
- Elementary School Model (ESM)
- Community participation and input to the BOE

### To All County Residents,

*The CAC welcomes anyone to attend our meetings. We are here as the voice of your community, and seek to have many views represented. Perhaps you may wish to become a member or even serve as a liaison for your school or community group.*

*For more information about the CAC, or if you would like to attend a meeting, please contact the Howard County Public School System's Public Information Office at 410-313-6682 or email [CAC.hcpss@gmail.com](mailto:CAC.hcpss@gmail.com) with your questions.*

*Thank you for your interest.*

*CAC Chairperson*



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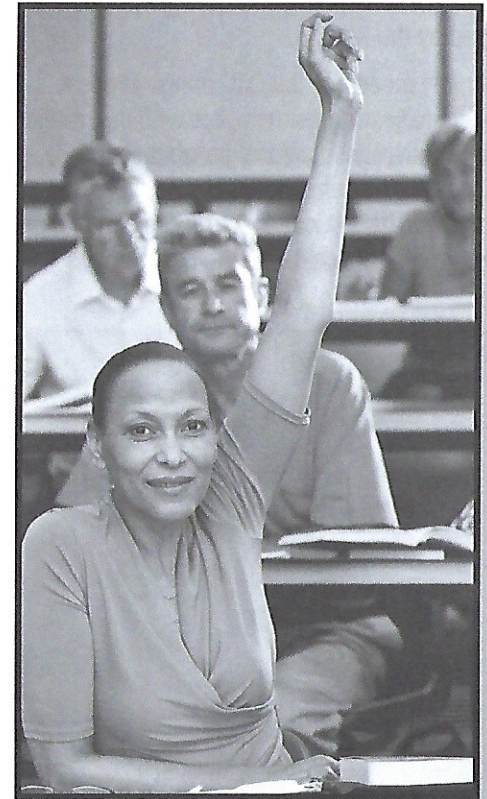
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