

**PTACHC General Monthly Meeting
Legislative Committee Report
November 6, 2017**

1. HCPSS Redistricting News As work continues by the Howard County Board of Education on the possible scenarios that may or may not include some high school redistricting, work also continues on efforts to build a 13th high school in Howard County. Given current population, trends (see additional info below), a new high school in Howard County would position the County to accommodate continued growth and relieve overcrowding.

For more information on County Executive Allan Kittleman and other County Officials' efforts to obtain State **support for the 13th high school**, go to https://kittleman.com/allan-kittleman-makes-case-13th-high-school-governor-larry-hogan-board-public-works/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social

For more information about recent population shifts within the Baltimore Region, a March 23, 2017 Baltimore Sun article (see link below) includes helpful information, including this excerpt... "Montgomery County ...saw the greatest population gain, adding 7,630 residents. **Howard and Anne Arundel counties came in second and third, with gains of more than 4,500 each. (On a percentage basis, Howard County experienced the strongest growth in the state at 1.4 percent.)** Others showed less significant growth. In Carroll County, for example, the population stayed basically the same...Harford County added about 900 people. Baltimore County grew by about 1,800." <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-city/bs-bz-baltimore-population-loss-jumps-20170322-story.html>

Just to review, the **Superintendent's Redistricting Recommendations** were presented to the BOE on **Tuesday, October 3, 7:30 p.m.** The details can be viewed at <http://www.hcpss.org/school-planning/>. The BOE continues to receive **official testimony via email/mail** at boe@hcpss.org or Board of Education, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042. **BOE Approval** of an Attendance Area Adjustment Plan for 2018-2019 is scheduled for **Thurs, November 16, 7:30 p.m.**

2. Continuing to seek feedback on several topics In preparation for the upcoming 2018 Maryland General Assembly, I am continuing to seek feedback from our PTACHC Community on the below topics and on any other topics of interest. Legislation pertaining to these topics has come up in past Maryland General Assembly Sessions and may come up in the 2018 Session.

1. State wide legislation around all day Pre-K (universal or targeted)
2. State wide legislation pertaining to Charter Schools
3. State support for New School Construction / Maintenance Issues

3. Kirwan Commission (the official name is "COMMISSION ON INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION") For more information and links to the Kirwan Commission's December 2016 interim report, go to <http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/26excom/html/13edinnov.html>
An excerpt from the above link is directly quoted below....

“In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education formed (Chapter 702, Acts of 2016).

The Commission is to review and assess current education financing formulas and accountability measures, and how each local school system is spending its funds, including the increased State funds provided through the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act (Chapter 288, Acts of 2002). Moreover, the Commission will review the Study on Adequacy of Funding for Education in the State of Maryland, required by the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act. That study is to be released in December 2016. Further, the Commission will consider how the federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (P. L. 114-95) will affect primary and secondary education in Maryland, and how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and the global economy.

Based on its review and assessment, the Commission will make recommendations for legislative and policy initiatives to increase the availability of innovative educational opportunities, and make adequate and equitable the funding for State public education.

Authorization for the Commission ends May 31, 2018.”

******Some Important Kirwan Commission Dates**

The Kirwan Commission will make final policy and funding recommendations to the Maryland General Assembly on or around **December 20, 2017**. *** I am uncertain of the exact date. The final report is due to the Governor by **December 31, 2017**.

Thank you for your feedback!

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