Montgomery County Board of Education

2022 Annual Legislative Priorities

The Montgomery County Board of Education supports —

**Learning**
- 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.

**Respect**
- 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

**Relationships**
- 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

**Excellence**
- 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
- 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

**Equity**

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