

Baltimore County Public Schools

SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

2013-2014



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Introduction

The Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council provides input on ways to improve communication and parent engagement at the district and local school levels. Members are parents who have at least one child in the school system and who reflect the diversity of the BCPS community. Meetings are held with the superintendent and facilitated by the chief of staff.

Charge

The role of the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council is to provide feedback and advice to the superintendent on school system initiatives.

What is the structure of the Superintendent's Parent Advisory?

The Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council is composed of 15 parents, three from each geographical area, who serve on the advisory for one year.

What is the process for parents interested in serving on the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council?

If you are interested in serving on the advisory, submit a self-nomination application. The deadline for submission of nominations for the 2013-2014 advisory is **Friday, September 6, 2013**. Nomination forms are available on the Web site at www.bcps.org under "What's Happening," by requesting a copy via e-mail to mprumo@bcps.org, or by calling 410-887-8706.

How are members chosen to serve?

To ensure broad representation, the nominations for potential members will be evaluated on a variety of factors, including geographic location of residence, child's grade level, and areas of interest and experience.

When will the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council meetings be held?

The meetings will be held quarterly during the school year in the Administration Building, Greenwood campus, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., on the following dates:

- Thursday, September 26, 2013
- Wednesday, December 11, 2013
- Wednesday, March 12, 2014
- Wednesday, June 4, 2014

What will be expected of the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council?

Advisory members will be expected to:

- Attend all scheduled meetings.
- Prepare for each meeting as needed.
- Work in a collaborative manner with each other and with school system staff.
- Express views and opinions openly, constructively, and respectfully.
- Help share parent advocacy tips.

Although staff will develop an agenda for each meeting, parents may submit discussion items for consideration to the chief of staff.