

# The Area Education Advisory Councils of Baltimore County

## Mission Statement

To improve the quality of  
education in Baltimore County  
and to strengthen the  
relationship between the school  
and community by serving as  
informed advisors to the Board  
of Education on issues that  
affect students, families,



## 2023-2024 Joint Meetings

Winter 2023  
Spring 2024

Please check the Web site  
for dates, times, and locations.



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## Community Liaisons to the Board of Education of Baltimore County

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## Area Education Advisory Councils of Baltimore County

The Area Education Advisory Councils (AEAC) of Baltimore County are made up of five area councils (Southeast, Northeast, Central, Southwest, Northwest) and serve a unique and important role in our school system. Recognizing the essential role parents and community members play in supporting our public school system, the AEACs were established in 1972. Since that time, the Advisory Council members have served as both informed advisors to the Board of Education and as liaisons to the communities they represent.



As an informed advisor to the Board, the Advisory Councils provide the Board with community input and advises the Board about concerns and issues. The information comes from parents and community members the Councils represent. The information assists the Board in conducting business in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of BCPS students.

As community liaisons, the AEACs hold local meetings to provide information about new initiatives, goals and plans, new policies and curriculum, opportunities for advocacy, and legislation affecting the schools. The AEACs also take public comment and suggestions at meetings and hearings to bring directly to the Board. In addition, the AEACs are available to help people navigate the school system and find answers to their questions and concerns.



## Membership and Responsibility

Advisory Council members are appointed by the Board of Education of Baltimore County. They are parents, students, community members, and business people. The term of office is for three (3) years. Members are eligible for appointment to two three-year terms and until a successor is appointed and qualifies. Duties of an advisory member include:

- Attending advisory council meetings.
- Being a liaison to designated schools in his or her area.
- Participating in committee work of the council.
- Being informed about issues and policy changes.
- Participating in advocacy efforts.

Anyone interested in becoming a Council member, must be a resident of Baltimore County and live in the geographic area in which the AEAC serves. Individuals may submit their resume to the appropriate Area Advisory Chair. The resume will be reviewed by the council and forwarded to the Board of Education for consideration and approval. For more information or to apply, contact the Coordinator or your Area Chair, or visit our Web site [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org) under Resources, Advisory Groups.

**Visit our Web site:**



## Functions of the Advisory Council

- Provide a forum for interested citizens and community groups to bring forward issues and concerns.
- Hold annual pre-budget hearings to solicit comments from the public about budget priorities.
- Provide input on proposed policy changes.
- Advise the Board of Education about community opinions and reactions to issues and policy.
- Bring together policymakers and experts to interpret and educate the community about new legislation, Board of Education policy, and new school initiatives.
- Meet with elected officials to advocate on behalf of public education.
- Direct community members to the appropriate school officials.



## Meetings of the Advisory Councils

Meetings are held based on the needs of each AEAC and are open to the public. Meetings are held at local schools, but locations may vary. For a schedule of local and joint meetings with dates, topics, and locations, please visit our Web site or contact the AEAC at [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org) under Resources, Community, Advisory Groups.