



# Montgomery County Board of Education

## 2023 Annual Legislative Priorities

The Montgomery County Board of Education supports —

- ✚ 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
- ✚ 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

Academic Excellence

- ✚ Supporting the **physical, social, and psychological well-being** for all students
- ✚ 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
- ✚ 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**
- ✚ Ensuring support for employee relationships and ensuring **fair and equitable treatment of all employees**

Well-Being and Family Support

- ✚ Fully funding the financial adjustments and any legislatively mandated initiatives, including the **Maintenance of Effort formula**
- ✚ Preserving **local autonomy** over education- including school calendars, curriculum, testing, and procurement issues
- ✚ Supporting **student transportation** decisions being made at the local level
- ✚ A robust and innovative **statewide school construction** and renovation funding plan
- ✚ Establishing incentives for **green and energy-efficient** school construction.
- ✚ Expanding the Maryland Meals for Achievement Program as an entitlement
- ✚ Efforts to increase federal funding for the Summer Food Service Program

Professional & Operational Excellence