

## **Press Release**

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## **SEPTEMBER 22, 2016**

Harford's Superintendent of Schools Invites Citizen Input on FY18 Operating Budget Town Hall Set for October 13

As part of the process to develop Harford County Public Schools' (HCPS) Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) Operating Budget, Superintendent of Schools Barbara P. Canavan is hosting a series of sessions to gather input from internal and external stakeholders.

A Town Hall for the general public will take place on **Thursday, October 13, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the A.A. Roberty Building in Bel Air**. This is an opportunity for parents and community members to gain a better understanding of the development of the school system's operating budget and to communicate their priorities for the FY18 budget directly to Superintendent Canavan. The Town Hall will be live streamed as well as archived for viewing at a later date.

"As we continue to meet the demanding standards established each year to balance the school system's budget, it remains a priority to engage with our community," said Superintendent Canavan. "I want to ensure my proposed FY18 operating budget is representative of a transparent, collaborative process which reflects input from stakeholders across the system and community."

At the start of the budget process, Superintendent Canavan will hear directly from school system leaders, administrators, and staff members; community group leaders; and residents during meetings held throughout the month of October.

Superintendent Canavan will be joined by her chief of administration and finance team, as well as other members of her Leadership team, for the meetings.

In addition, citizens can provide budget comments and suggestions via the email address <u>budget@hcps.org</u> at any time throughout the process.

Superintendent Canavan will present her proposed FY18 budget to the Board of Education of Harford County in December.