



# Press Release

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## **HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Board of Education of Harford County is seeking applications from interested county citizens to fill one opening on the school system's Audit Committee. The purpose of the five-member committee is to assist the Board of Education in fulfilling its fiduciary oversight responsibilities. The committee serves as an independent and objective party to monitor the Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) financial reporting process and internal controls. The core function of the Audit Committee is to validate the internal auditor's strategy, plan, and performance and seek assurance that action is taken where necessary.

The Audit Committee consists of five members, two from the Board of Education and three at-large Harford County citizens. Citizen members serve a three-year term and are appointed at staggered intervals. Members are appointed by the Board of Education and may serve two full terms. The committee meets at least quarterly to review the activities of the Office of Internal Audit. Regular attendance is important in maintaining the continuity and effectiveness of the committee. Audit Committee members serve without compensation.

Interested individuals should have audit or accounting experience and be able to read and understand financial statements. A Certified Public Accountant or Certified Internal Auditor is preferred.

Any Harford County resident interested in applying should send a letter of interest and a biographical sketch to Laura Tucholski, Chief Auditor, Harford County Public Schools, 102 S. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland 21014, **by March 1, 2021**. Letters of interest should include name, address, phone number and background information containing: reasons for interest in being appointed, a professional resume, and disclosure of any relationships to HCPS, such as family members employed by HCPS; children and the school(s) they attend; membership in community, social and civic groups; occupation; business contracts with HCPS; and availability to attend evening meetings.

For more information, please call 410-588-5297.