

Mission Statement

The mission of the Harford County Public Schools is to foster a quality educational system that challenges students to develop knowledge and skills, and inspires them to become life-long learners and good citizens.

Vision Statement

Harford County is a community of learners where educating everyone takes everyone. We empower all students to contribute to a diverse, democratic and change-oriented society. Our public schools, parents, public officials, businesses, community organizations and citizens actively commit to educate all students to become caring, respectful and responsible citizens.



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## HCPS Legislative Position Briefs

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## Board of Education Strategic Plan

**Goal 1:** To prepare every student for success in postsecondary education and career.

**Goal 2:** To encourage and monitor engagement between the school system and the community to support student achievement.

**Goal 3:** To hire and support skilled staff who are committed to increasing student achievement.

**Goal 4:** To provide safe, secure, and healthy learning environments that are conducive to effective teaching and learning.



## Executive Summary

### Board of Education of Harford County

#### Legislative Position Statements

#### 2014 General Assembly

##### GENERAL POSITIONS

- ◇ Support local control of education policy and budget.
- ◇ Support local control of appropriations and expenditures within budget categories.
- ◇ Support full State and Federal funding for education.
- ◇ Oppose any and all unfunded and underfunded State and Federal mandates.

##### OVERARCHING THEMES

###### Local Board Authority

- ◇ Oppose any legislation which reduces the authority to local boards of education and/or superintendents to effectively govern and administer public schools granted by law.
- ◇ Oppose overriding the local board's authority to make final determination in contract negotiations.

###### Budget and Education Funding

- ◇ Support as a minimum requirement the current maintenance of effort as stipulated in the Education Article, Annotated Code of MD.
- ◇ Support full funding of the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act for Fiscal Year

2015, including increased funding to reflect inflationary increases in the cost of education.

##### Curriculum

- ◇ Support local control of the number of minutes during the school day devoted to any subject area.
- ◇ Oppose legislation requiring mandatory pre-kindergarten unless both the full operating and capital costs of the program are borne solely by the State of Maryland.

##### School Facilities

- ◇ Support consistent State funding level for school construction and renovation projects.
- ◇ Support legislation or regulations to revise the State's definition of eligible project costs to include architectural, engineering and site development costs.



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