

# Harford County Public Schools NEWS RELEASE

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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# HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES SEEK NEW MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Education of Harford County Public Schools is seeking applicants for membership on its Citizen Advisory Committees. Membership is open to all Harford County residents, including those without children in the school system.

Each committee will meet on a regular basis, or as necessary to accomplish its charge. New members are confirmed in December; members are assigned to one-, two-, or three-year terms. Regular attendance is vital to maintain the continuity and effectiveness of the committee.

Residents of Harford County interested in serving as a member of any one of these committees should send a letter of interest to Mrs. Teri Kranefeld, Manager of Communications, Harford County Public Schools, 102 S. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland 21014. Letters must include the name of the committee, complete contact information (name, address, telephone number) and background information containing: membership in community, social and civic groups; occupation; level of schooling; availability to attend evening meetings; and reasons for wanting to serve on the committee.

The deadline for application is October 1, 2008. Following the Board appointments in December 2008, the Citizen Advisory Committees' coordinators will notify all applicants of the results.

A brief description of each Citizen Advisory Committee is listed below. Please contact the coordinator if you have questions concerning a specific committee.

Career and Technology Education

Coordinator: Mrs. Sue Garrett - 410-588-5289

Members of the Career and Technology Education Advisory Council serve as advisors, advocates, and reviewers for Career and Technology Education Programs which prepare students for further education and careers in current and emerging professions. The Council solicits participation from individuals representing businesses in the ten Maryland Career Clusters.

Family Life Education

Coordinator: Mrs. Sue Garrett - 410-588-5289

This committee participates with the school system's Family Life Education Committee in decisions regarding materials to be used in the kindergarten through twelfth grade educational program on Family Life and Human Development and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Gifted Education

Coordinator: Mr. Eric Cromwell - 410-588-5354

The Gifted Education committee discusses and reviews the impact of the Gifted Education program on higher

student achievement.

## Safety and Security

Coordinator: Mr. Bob Benedetto - 410-638-4242

This committee provides input into program improvements and additions needed as alternative disciplinary methods. It reviews system safety and security and suspension data.

## Special Education

Coordinator: Mrs. Ann-Marie Spakowski - 410-588-5246

The Special Education committee works on the 2004 Reauthorization for Special Education and studies its impact on programs of instruction, service models, funding, and costs affecting the school system and its students.

As an advisory, each committee makes recommendations to the Superintendent of Schools.