

**PERTAINING TO THE RECENT ADOPTION OF POLICIES BY  
THE CALVERT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, our children are our future and our most coveted contributions to the future of our County, State, and Country;

**WHEREAS**, the public education of our children from elementary through high school is entrusted to the elected Calvert County Board of Education, and their selection and hired Superintendent of Public Schools;

**WHEREAS**, though the singular role of the Board of County Commissioners is to fund the Board of Education, public debate has begun regarding the practices and policies that have been adopted by the Calvert County Board of Education, including Policy Numbers 1015 and 1018 and restrictions on public comment;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has no power to consider these policies adopted by the elected members of the Board of Education;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, when adopting these policies, has instructed that they be implemented by the Superintendent "...in accordance with all local policies and local, state and federal laws and regulations..."

**WHEREAS**, the County Superintendent is also charged by law with implementing "[t]he policies of the county board." Md. Ann. Code, Educ. Art., § 4-204 (b)(5);

**WHEREAS**, further, the curriculum, text and library books, and selection and retention of teachers is relegated to the powers of the Board of Education and Superintendent by Md. Ann. Code, Educ. Art., § 4-205 (i); Md. Ann. Code, Educ. Art., § 7-106;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to the Constitution of the United States of America, including the protections afforded by it against abridging the privileges of the citizenry, including that of expression of opinions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners wishes that forums be recognized where the voices of all citizens of Calvert County, regardless of their position on these policies of the Board of Education, as well as other matters entrusted to elected representatives at all levels of government, which is why the Board of County Commissioners has held inviolate the opportunity for the public to provide comment at its regular meetings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland hereby expresses the sincerest desire that the Board of Education encourage public discussion and discourse, not only by email but to open its doors to receive all public perspectives and comments at its meetings, without limitation;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that the Board of Education, and all citizens, continue to work together to adopt policies and procedures that balance the concerns of all parties in the education of our future generation;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that all available resources shall be made available to facilitate civil discussion and deliberation of topics of concern to the citizens of Calvert County, and, insofar as necessary, the cessation of the expenditure of public funds upon measures in violation of law;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that, in the event any portion of this Resolution is found to be unconstitutional, illegal, null or void, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to sever only the invalid portion or provision, and that the remainder of the Resolution shall be enforceable and valid;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that the foregoing recitals are adopted as if fully rewritten herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that this Resolution shall be effective upon recordation without publication of a fair summary.

**DONE**, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021 by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland.

Aye: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Nay: \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent/Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Received for Record October 27, 2021 Kelly D. McConkey  
at 10:35 o'clock A M. Same day Kelly D. McConkey  
recorded in Liber KPS No. 66  
Folio 108 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION.

Garry P. Smith