

**PERTAINING TO THE CREATION OF THE CALVERT COUNTY STUDENT
SAFETY AND WELL-BEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland (hereinafter, the "Board of County Commissioners") pledges significantly more taxpayer money to education than any other community resource, but has recently received more serious complaints regarding the safety and well-being of student, faculty, and support staff than can be recalled;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has, upon its own initiative, directed that a committee be formed to provide advice and recommendations how to best enhance the positive aspects of the learning environment, and improve school culture and climate in our primary and secondary public schools;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to establish the Calvert County Student Safety And Well-Being Advisory Committee to consider, among other things, the latest school safety best practices, measures to aid the learners that contribute to the threatening climate, and make recommendations that position the County's schools and students to be ahead of new threats, concerns, and safety mandates, in a supportive manner that recognizes the importance of mental health and confidence in our commitment to their education, as well as physical well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wish that the work of the Committee will inform decision-making such that the support and services contribute to a positive culture and climate, like that which has been the hallmark of Calvert County's Public Schools ("CCPS"), and, therefore, has invited the Superintendent and Board of Education to participate in the development, implementation and empowering this Calvert County Student Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that there shall be Calvert County Student Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee with the following:

1. Authority.

- A. The Board of County Commissioners hereby establishes the Calvert County Student Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee and vests authority within that Committee to:
 1. Serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners on programs, policies, and initiatives affecting safety and well-being of the students, faculty, and support staff of Calvert County's Public Schools;
 2. Actively pursue input from the community and recognized experts to discuss how implementation of the policies and initiatives may be modified or implemented to address the current situation and attain more positive culture within the public schools;
 3. Develop quick wins, short and long term recommendations to enhance the safety and security of each Calvert County school; these recommendations will be submitted to the BOCC for their approval;
- B. The Committee shall have no authority to supervise or direct County staff other than to coordinate through its management liaison, the Deputy County Administrator within the Office of the County Administrator.
- C. The Committee shall have no authority to hire its own employees or independent contractors.

2. Membership.

- A. The membership of the Student Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee shall serve a policy and leadership role in evaluating best practices and procedures to, then, make recommendations for improvements. The membership shall not include more than three (3) current employees, appointees, or 1099-contractors of CCPS so that these persons can, instead, be an information resource for the Committee when called upon.
- B. The Calvert County Student Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and consist of Fifteen (15) voting members, comprised as follows:
 1. One appointee selected by the Board of County Commissioners, who shall be designated as and serve as Chair;
 2. Two Residents of District 1 selected by the Board of County Commissioners with experience with CCPS as a parent of a child who attended or is currently attending a CCPS school, or performs services at a CCPS school through a non-profit or faith-based organization;
 3. Two Residents of District 2 selected by the Board of County Commissioners with experience with CCPS as a parent of a child who attended or is currently attending a CCPS school, or performs services at a CCPS school through a non-profit or faith-based organization;
 4. Two Residents of District 3 selected by the Board of County Commissioners with experience with CCPS as a parent of a child who attended or is currently attending a CCPS school, or performs services at a CCPS school through a non-profit or faith-based organization;
 5. One member recommended by the Calvert Education Association;
 6. One member recommended by the Calvert Association of Educational Support Staff;
 7. Two members of the Sheriff's Office recommended by the Sheriff;
 8. One member of the Maryland State Police recommended by the Commander of Barrack U;
 9. One member with background in mental health and well-being recommended by the Health Officer;
 10. One member with background in treatment of substance abuse recommended by the Health Officer; and
 11. One member recommended by the Maryland Center for School Safety.
- C. For each recommendation, two eligible candidates for each position are requested.
- D. In addition to the foregoing voting members, there shall be Four (4) Ex Officio, non-voting members; the Deputy County Administrator, the Director of Community Resources, the Director of Communications and Media Relations, and the Superintendent of Calvert County Public Schools.
- E. To the extent practicable, the membership should provide a fair representation from all three voting districts, the racial, gender, and cultural diversity of Calvert County.
- F. No member may be a candidate for elected office.
- G. It is anticipated that this *ad hoc* Committee will remain empaneled through the publication of its final report.
- H. Upon motion passed by majority vote, the Committee may choose to include additional *ex officio*, non-voting members.

- I. Subject Matter Experts, including, without limitation, CCPS employees, appointees, and contractors, may be called in to provide detailed information and data for Committee review and consideration.
3. **Officers.** The designee of the Board of County Commissioners shall serve as Chair. The Calvert County Student Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee shall elect by majority vote the Vice-Chair from among its membership.
 - A. Duties and Responsibilities of the Chairperson include:
 1. Provide leadership to the Committee in carrying out its purposes;
 2. Serve as the official voice/spokesperson for the Committee;
 3. Develop agendas and preside over Committee meetings;
 4. Sign documents approved by a majority of the Committee that require the signature of a Committee official;
 5. Put motions to a vote and announce the results of the vote; and
 6. Present a final report to the Board of County Commissioners to document the findings and recommendations of the Committee.
 - B. Duties and Responsibilities of the Vice-Chairperson include performing the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in her/his absence, and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all restrictions governing the Chairperson.
4. **Compensation.** Members shall serve without compensation.
5. **Resignation.** Any member of the Calvert County Student Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee may resign at any time by providing written notice to the Board of County Commissioners.
6. **Removal.**
 - A. The Board of County Commissioners retains the authority to remove any member on its own initiative or based on recommendation of a majority vote of the Calvert County Student Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee, when, in its discretion, the best interest of the community or Committee would not be served by continued membership.
 - B. The Chairperson shall notify the Board of County Commissioners if a member of the Calvert County Student Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee misses three (3) scheduled meetings in any twelve (12) month period without an excused absence. The Board of County Commissioners shall remove and replace such member.
7. **Rules and Support**
 - A. Calvert County Student Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee members shall abide by and fully comply with the Calvert County Code of Ethics, as amended from time to time.
 - B. No Committee member shall cast a vote on any matter where a conflict of interest exists.
 - C. In any instance where the determination of a conflict of interest is uncertain, the Committee may request a determination of conflict of interest from the Calvert County Ethics Commission.
 - D. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members.
 - E. The Calvert County Office of the County Administrator shall provide support personnel as may be required by the Calvert County Student Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee. The Calvert County Attorney's Office shall provide legal support to the Calvert County Student Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee.

- F. The Board of County Commissioners shall provide such meeting space, supplies, and equipment as may be required by the Calvert County Student Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee to perform its duties.
- G. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, unless they are inconsistent with the approved Rules or this Resolution.
- H. There shall be one vote per Committee member. The Chair is entitled to vote on any item before the Committee unless precluded by operation of the Calvert County Code of Ethics.
- I. A tie vote means that a motion fails.

8. Meetings

- A. The Calvert County Student Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee shall meet not less than once a quarter.
- B. Notice of all meetings of the Committee shall be in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act.
- C. The regular meetings of the Committee shall be held at a place, on dates and at times decided by the Office of the County Administrator staff.
- D. The Committee may meet in special meetings at the call of the Chair, or the Vice-Chair in the absence of the Chair, or at the request of two-thirds of the Committee members.
- E. Matters considered at a Special Meeting are limited to the purpose and agenda contained in the notice of the meeting.
- F. Adequate notice of all Special Meetings will be provided to all Committee members.
- G. All meetings are open to the public, except that the Committee may meet in closed session or adjourn an open session to meet in a closed session in accordance with the Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Article, § 3-305, as amended from time to time.
- H. Any meeting of the Committee may be conducted virtually or by telephone conference call provided that Committee members and the public are given at least three-day notice prior to the meeting and a full duplex audio or telephone system is used with provision for a location where the public who may wish to observe the meeting may listen to the entirety of the meeting as it is occurring.

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.

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 29th day of May 2024 by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland.

Aye:	<u>4</u>
Nay:	<u>0</u>
Absent/Abstain:	<u>1 - Commissioner Hart</u>

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ATTEST:

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

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Katie Brittain, Clerk

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION.

Garry P. Smith