

# Charles County Public Schools

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# Why Is Parent Engagement So Important?



# What Is The Role Of System Leaders?

## Board of Education of Charles County

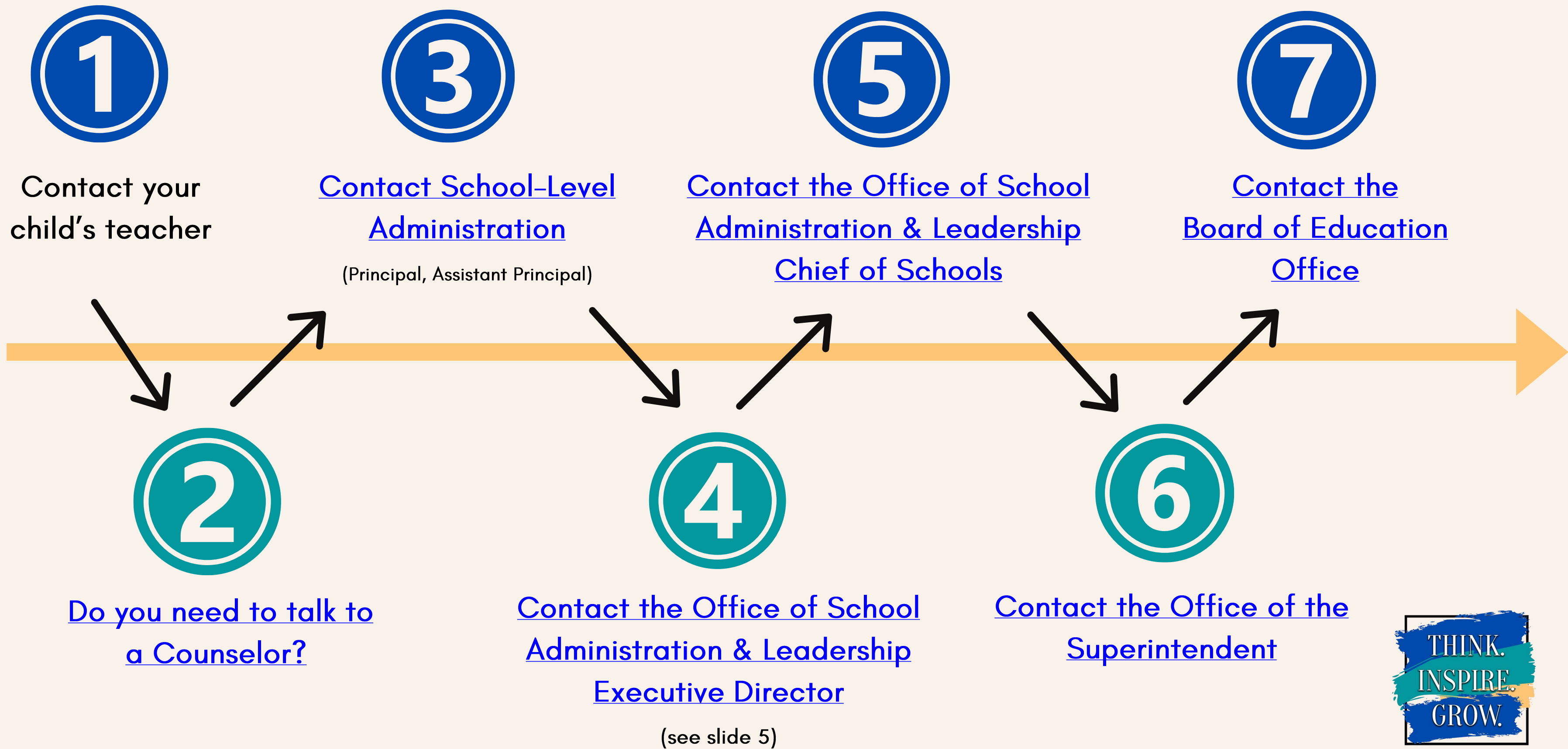
- Establishes educational and fiscal policy.
- Provides overall direction and governs Charles County Public Schools (CCPS).
- Nine Board members are elected by registered voters. Elections held every four years.
- Serves four-year term.
- The Student Member of the Board (SMOB) is elected by students annually each spring.

## Superintendent of Schools

- Manages the fiscal and day-to-day operations of CCPS.
- Oversees the administration of schools.
- Makes decisions on policy and procedures.
- Creates strategic decisions to ensure student learning and success.
- Appointed by the Board of Education of Charles County.
- Serves a four-year term.



# What Are The Steps To Resolving Issues?





**Chief of Schools: Dr. Marvin Jones**

**Executive Directors:**

**Jaime Whitfield-Coffen, Erica Williams, Richard Conley**

**301-934-7365**

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<b>Central Office School Supervisors</b>		
Jaime Whitfield-Coffen	Rick Conley	Erica Williams
Barnhart Elementary	La Plata High	Davis Middle
Berry Elementary	Lackey High	Henson Middle
Craik Elementary	McDonough High	Mattawoman Middle
Diggs Elementary	North Point High	Somers Middle
Jenifer Elementary	St. Charles High	Stoddert Middle
Malcolm Elementary	Stone High	Billingsley Elementary
Martin Elementary	Westlake High	Brown Elementary
Middleton Elementary	Hanson Middle	Gale-Bailey Elementary
Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary	PISOTA	Higdon Elementary
Mudd Elementary	Smallwood Middle	Indian Head Elementary
Parks Elementary	Piccowaxen Middle	Matula Elementary
Ryon Elementary	Stethem Center	Mitchell Elementary
Wade Elementary	Thornton Elementary	Neal Elementary
Gwynn Center	Summer School	Turner Elementary

Supervisory oversight subject to change annually;  
confirming with the school principal is best practice.





# Who Is In Our Schools, continued?

## Pupil Personnel Worker (PPW)

PPW's work with parents, community agencies, teachers, School Counselors, School Psychologists, and other educational specialists both inside and outside the school.

## School Counselor

School Counselors are in every Charles County public elementary, middle and high school, and learning centers. Counselors work with students, parents and school staff to ensure that all students become effective learners, achieve success in school and become contributing members of society.

## School Resource Officer (SRO)

The Charles County Sheriff's Office School Resource Unit assigns one officer to each middle and high school in Charles County as part of an agreement with CCPS. The School Resource Officers work closely with the administrative staff and teachers at their respective schools to enhance school safety and address security matters.

## School Psychologist

School Psychologists have specialized training in both psychology and education. They use their training and skills to team with educators, parents, and other mental health professionals to ensure that every child learns in a safe, healthy and supportive environment.



# Who Is In Our Schools?

## Community Engagement and Equity Liaison

The Community Engagement & Equity (CEE) Liaisons will lead school-based professional learning, support school improvement planning, and work with the CEE office on district level initiatives. This role is in alignment with the county's Strategic Plan and supports Educational Equity Policy 1820 implementation.

## Community School Coordinator

Community schools serve as hubs that bring families, communities, and partners together to remove barriers to learning. Using an asset-based approach, community schools strive to strengthen connections to generate improved student outcomes. Schools work to provide access to high-quality academics, health services, mental health support, academic enrichment, out-of-school time programming, crisis support, adult education classes, leadership development, and more thought the community.

## Citizen Parent Advisory Committee Representative

The Citizen Parent Advisory Committee serves as an essential voice for parents and community members, providing input on decisions that affect students' education while helping to strengthen the partnership between families and the school system. The committee offers recommendations on school policies, programs, and initiatives that impact students and the community.

## Volunteer Coordinator

Each school has a Volunteer Coordinator who is responsible for managing and overseeing the involvement of volunteers in various school activities. Volunteer coordinators help create a smooth partnership between the school and its unpaid stakeholders, ensuring that both the volunteers and the school community benefit from the experience.

## Title I Parent Liaison

Title I is a federally funded program that provides extra academic support to schools. A Title I parent liaison is a school staff member who helps build relationships between parents, teachers, and the community. They also help schools implement programs that encourage parental involvement.

## PTO/PTSO Executive Leadership

PTO/PTSO executive team is a group of dedicated individuals working together to create a positive, supportive, and active school community that benefits students, teachers, and families alike. The roles on the executive team are usually divided among various officers, each with their specific responsibilities.



# Parent Supports

## [Follow the English Language Development \(ELD\) Program on Facebook](#)

Follow the CCPS ELD Program on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ccpseld>. Content is posted for families in English and Spanish.

## [Mental Health website](#)

CCPS has a Mental Health website with resources for parents, students and staff. It also houses the contact information of each school's psychologist, counselor and Pupil Personnel Worker.

## [Get to Know School Staff](#)

Families who work with the school administrators, teachers and staff create a strong, stable support system for their children.

## [Who to Call in The Special Education Office?](#)

Have a question or concern?

Find out who to call first and how they can help.

## [Join SECAC: Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee](#)

Join the group dedicated to supporting special education students and their families.





# Important Things For All Parents To Know



## [ParentVue](#)

Learn how to navigate your account like a pro.

## [Canvas](#)

Keep up with your child's assignments, progress and find resources.

## [Where's the Bus?](#)

Keep track of your bus rider. CCPS had 5,000 app users last year. There's 12,000 so far this school year.



## [Technology Guide for Students & Parents](#)

Learn best practices for digital learning.

## [Parent Handbook/Calendar](#)

The online version of the calendar has the most up-to-date information. A Spanish version is at [ccboe.com](http://ccboe.com).

## [Code of Student Conduct](#)

The Code of Student Conduct is online in English and Spanish at [ccboe.com](http://ccboe.com).

## [School Nurses](#)

Every school has a nurse on staff through a partnership with the health department.

