

THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

SBDM Election Update

Teacher and parent elections for our School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council will be held in October, with terms beginning November 1. The PTSA will oversee the parent elections and is currently seeking two candidates to serve. The application is included at the end of this newsletter and was also shared via ParentSquare.

This year's SBDM Council is especially important, as it will approve all required policies for our school. Learn more here:

-  [Kentucky Department of Education – SBDM](#)
-  [FCPS – SBDM](#)

Join the PTSA!

It's not too late to join our PTSA! Membership is a great way to stay involved and support our students. If you are interested, please reach out to our PTSA President:

-  Alena Glass – alenaglass@gmail.com

Submit Absence Notes Online

Families can now submit absence notes online!

-  Find the link on the front page of our school website at britton.fcps.net
-  You can also access the form here: [Absence Note Form](#).

Student Attendance at Athletic Events

As a reminder:

-  Students may not be dropped off and left unattended at middle school athletic events.
-  All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

We appreciate your help in keeping our events safe and enjoyable!

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Girls' basketball hosts Jessie Clark at 5:00 PM
- Cheerleading practice at 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

- School pictures from 9:00–11:00 AM
- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Girls' basketball practice at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

- Football practice at 4:15 PM
- Girls' basketball travels to Leestown at 5:00 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

- Girls' basketball practice from 4:15–6:15 PM
- Cheer practice from 4:15–6:15 PM
- FFA meeting in room C120 at 4:15 PM
- Football travels Tate's Creek at 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

- Football practice from 4:15–6:15 PM
- Girls' basketball practice from 4:15–6:15 PM
- Battle of the Books club meeting in the media center at 4:15 PM
- Volleyball open gym at 4:15 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

- Cheerleading practice at Lex Athletics at 9:00 AM
- Cross country meet at the Bourbon Co. Park at 10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD...

- September 16: FCCLA meeting
- September 18: HOSA meeting
- September 19: Football vs. EJ Hayes
- September 20: 6th girls' basketball tournament
- September 20: Track meet at Berea Alumni Field
- September 22: Volleyball tryouts
- September 24: Cross country district meet
- September 25: Football hosts Beaumont
- September 25: International travel club Greece and Italy interest meeting
- September 26: Volleyball parent meeting
- September 27: Cross country Bluegrass Invitational

The mission of Mary E. Britton Middle School is to foster a safe and supportive environment where every student is valued and inspired to reach their fullest potential. Through academic rigor, civic engagement, and strong relationships, we cultivate leaders prepared to thrive today and build a better tomorrow.

THE BEAR NECESSITIES FOR SUCCESS

- Be Curious
- Be Kind
- Be Bold
- Be Responsible

VISION: BRITTON AND BEYOND

- Expose Students to Career Pathways in Health and Medical Sciences
- Ensure Equitable Access to Courses So Every Student Earns at Least One High School Credit.
- Provide Opportunities for Civic Engagement.
- Foster School Pride and a Sense of Belonging.



17 Parent & Family Night – We Want Your Input!

We're planning a Parent & Family Night in November 🐻 and want your feedback to help us design an event that best serves our school community.

✎ Please share your ideas here: [Parent & Family Night Feedback Form](#)

INFO

TIMES

- Doors open daily at 8:35 AM
- First period begins at 9:05 AM
- Dismissal is at 3:55 PM
- Walkers and car riders should be picked up by 4:15 PM

LINKS

- [Absence form](#)
- [eOS](#)
- [Campus Parent](#)
- [Canvas](#)
- [Student and Family Handbook](#)
- [Voluntary Student Accident Insurance](#)
- [Consent for Outside Traceable Communication](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [YouTube](#)

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

- 6th grade: 244 (--)
- 7th grade: 173 (--)
- 8th grade: 139 (+2)
- **Total: 556 (+2)**



BEAR HUGS

- Special thanks to **Micah Hescock**, youth pastor at Macedonia Christian Church, and **Jamie Alcorn**, youth minister at North Lexington Church of Christ, for their service this week. They volunteered to sort and organize items for our Youth Services Center, including clothes, backpacks, and school supplies. In addition, they are organizing volunteers to staff our YSC this school year. We do not have a Youth Services Center coordinator this school year, since the state did not allow applications for grants.
- Special thanks to **Audra and Marcus Patrick** with **Urban Impact** who secured a massive amount of items for our Youth Services Center!

Britton is blessed with so many outstanding community partners!

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, September 1... No school
- Tuesday, September 2... 95.85%
- Wednesday, September 3... 96.67%
- Thursday, September 4... 95.14%
- Friday, September 5... 96.40%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, September 1... No school
- Tuesday, September 2... 100%
- Wednesday, September 3... 100%
- Thursday, September 4... 96.70%
- Friday, September 5... 99.47%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 1
- Number in detention... 8
- RESET hours... 1
- Suspension days... 0

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 0
- Number in detention... 7
- RESET hours... 0
- Suspension days... 0

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 1
- Number in detention... 9
- RESET hours... 1
- Suspension days... 0



**Preferred Financial Partner of
Mary E. Britton Middle School**
Call us at 859.293.0411

Debt doesn't have to be scary--it just needs a plan. Start by listing balances, interest rates, and minimum payments. Use the Snowball method (smallest debt first) or Avalanche (highest interest first). Consider consolidating debt for a lower rate--but make sure you are guided by your partner experts at Benchmark Mortgage. And remember, consistency beats perfection--just keep chipping away.

How can we help?
Scan for our website:



lexington.benchmark.us

Ark-La-Tex Financial Services, LLC NMLS# 2143 (www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org). All loans subject to borrower qualifying. This is not a commitment to lend. Other restrictions may apply. (<https://benchmark.us>)



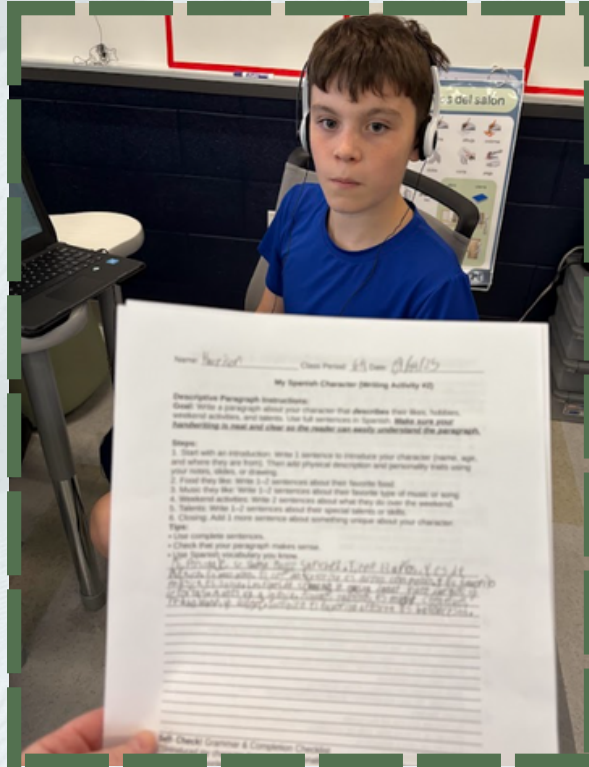
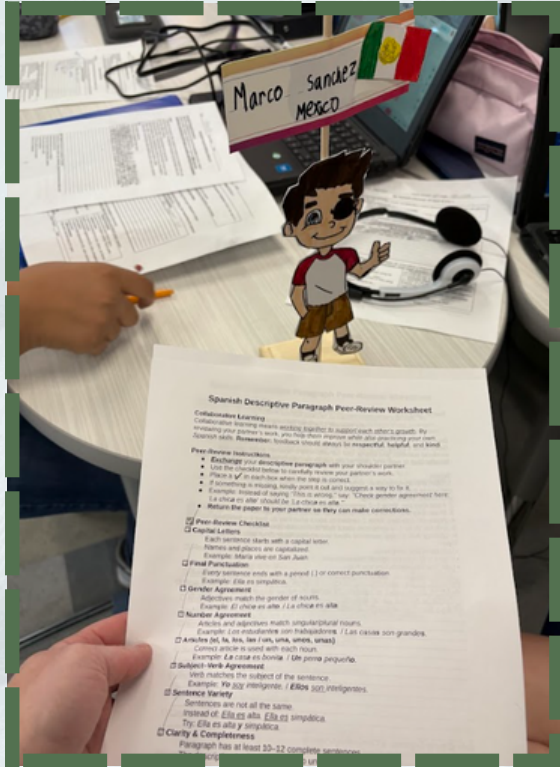
BEAR SNAPS

Students in the 5th period Principles of Agriculture class worked in groups to build raised beds. They had to use problem-solving skills and communication skills to complete the task. These raised beds will be used as vegetable gardens and will be tended by students in the Agriculture Elective classes.





BEAR SNAPS

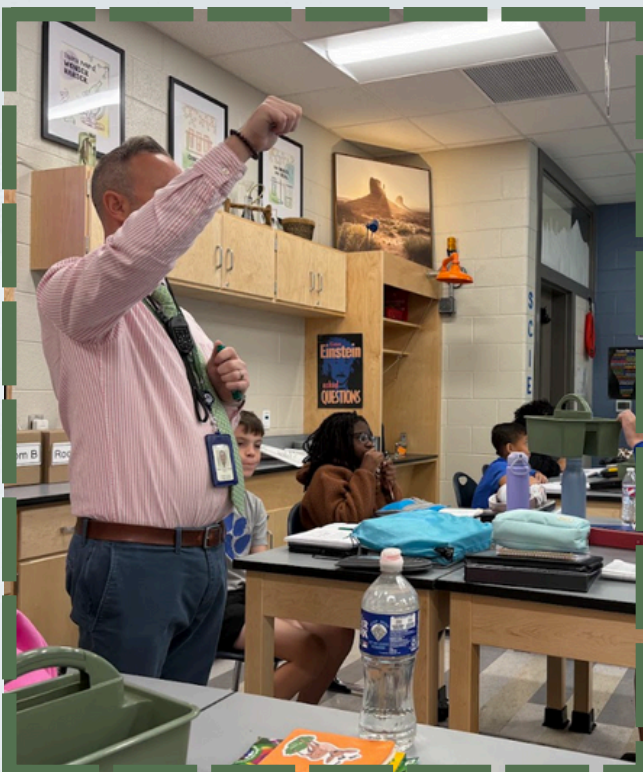


6TH GRADE
MR. OCASIO-
DIAZ

Students in Spanish class have created fictional characters and are learning how to write grammatically accurate through peer-review and revision.

6TH GRADE
MR. SMITH

Students are learning how light travels and interacts with different materials by making predictions, drawing models, answering questions, and completing simulations.





BEAR SNAPS



7TH GRADE
MR. TRIBBLE

Students are learning how to play Nitro ball by learning the rules from peers and receiving feedback from Mr. Tribble.



7TH GRADE
MR. MITCHELL

Students in band are refining their instrument skills by working in small groups.



MARY E. BRITTON GEAR

Support our school and look great while doing it!

[HTTPS://GO.FCPS.NET/MEBSTORE](https://go.fcps.net/mebstore)

Store closes Thursday, September 11th



Mary E Britton Book Club

COME & JOIN

Battle of the Books

September 12th, 2025 **4 PM - 5 PM**

MEB Media Center Complete the Interest Form:
<https://go.fcps.net/BOBclub>

We need some things. Want to help? Amazon Wishlist:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GAB8MQRFGZ3?ref_=wl_share



VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS



6TH GRADE
SEPTEMBER 22 @4:15 PM
& SEPTMEBER 23 @4:15 PM



7TH GRADE
SEPTEMBER 22 @6:30 PM
& SEPTEMBER 23 @6:00 PM



8TH GRADE
SEPTEMBER 24 @4:15 PM
& SEPTEMBER 25 @4:15 PM



MARY E. BRITTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM



Must have a KHSAA Sports
physical to participate!
Bring a copy.

CONTACT US!

whitney.ritter@fayette.kyschools.us
ellie.vance@fayette.kyschools.us

YOU MUST REGISTER!

<https://go.fcps.net/mebmsvb>





SCAPA LAFAYETTE

INFORMATION NIGHT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, 6:00-7:30 PM
 Lafayette Beeler Auditorium
www.fcps.net/scapalhs

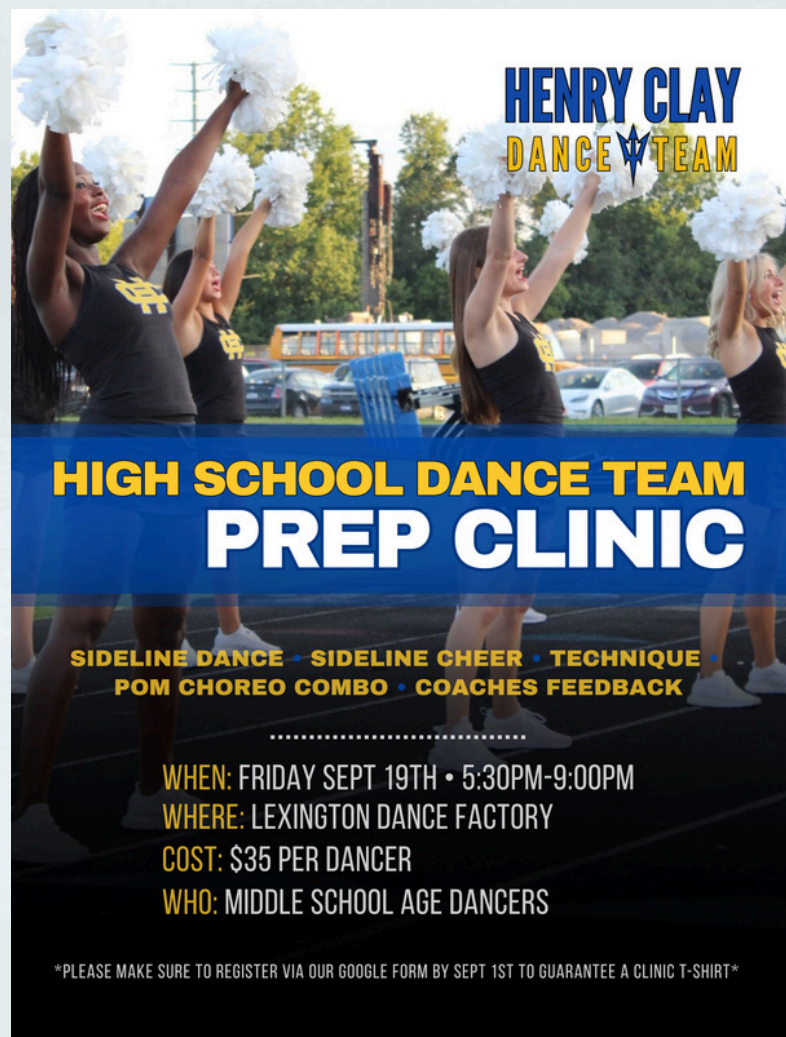


SCAPA BLUEGRASS
 Serving Grades 4-8

Majors
 Dance
 Drama
 Literary Arts(Creativity)
 Visual Arts
 Bands
 Strings
 Piano

September 11, 2025
6pm at SCAPA Bluegrass
Informational Night

Contact Info
 859.422.2398
fcps.net/auditions
scapa.fcps.net
scapabluegrass@fayette.kyschools.us



HENRY CLAY DANCE TEAM

HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAM PREP CLINIC

SIDELINE DANCE • SIDELINE CHEER • TECHNIQUE • POM CHOREO COMBO • COACHES FEEDBACK

WHEN: FRIDAY SEPT 19TH • 5:30PM-9:00PM
WHERE: LEXINGTON DANCE FACTORY
COST: \$35 PER DANCER
WHO: MIDDLE SCHOOL AGE DANCERS

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REGISTER VIA OUR GOOGLE FORM BY SEPT 1ST TO GUARANTEE A CLINIC T-SHIRT

Canvas

**This is where your student's current, up to date, live grade will always be.
Always refer to Canvas to see your student's progress.**

Canvas Guide for Families

If you try to create an account and have issues please call the Student Family Helpdesk

Helpdesk Phone

859-422-5555

Canvas Parent App



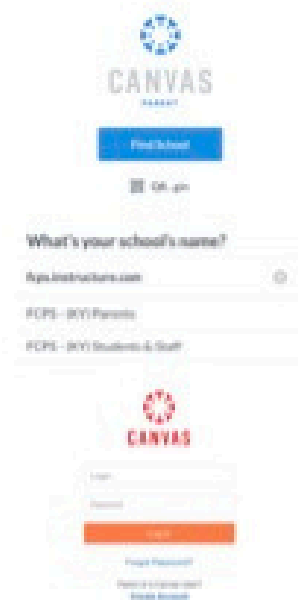
Search: Canvas Parent

Canvas Parent Site via Web Browser

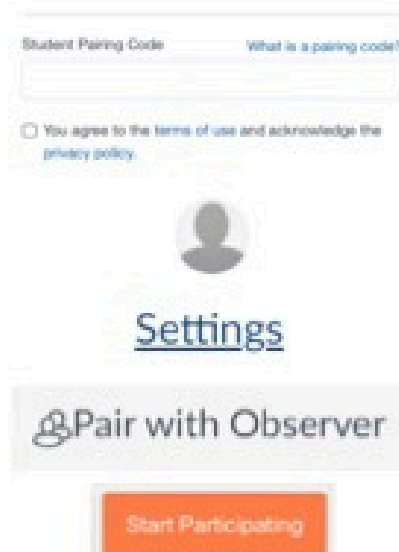
<https://fcps.instructure.com/login/canvas>

How do I set up the Parent App?

1. Download the Canvas Parent app from your app store.
2. Open the Canvas Parent app
3. Tap the Find the School button
4. Enter: fcps.instructure.com NOT Fayette County
5. Select FCPS-(KY) Parents
6. First time users, select Create Account
 - a. If you already have an account you can log in here
7. Fill out information to create an account



8. You will need a Pairing Code from your student's account.
 - a. Parent code can only be retrieved from your student from their Canvas account.
 - b. On your student's Canvas account they:
 - i. Click Account
 - ii. Settings
 - iii. Pair with Observer
9. Click Start Participating



Canvas Parent App Tour

Settings
This is the settings for the app

Classes and Grades
This will show you at a quick glance at your student's grade and class. You can click on the class to see any missing assignments.

Class Calendars
This will show you any upcoming assignments or due dates

Multiple Students
Use this toggle to switch between your different students to see their classes, assignments, and grades.

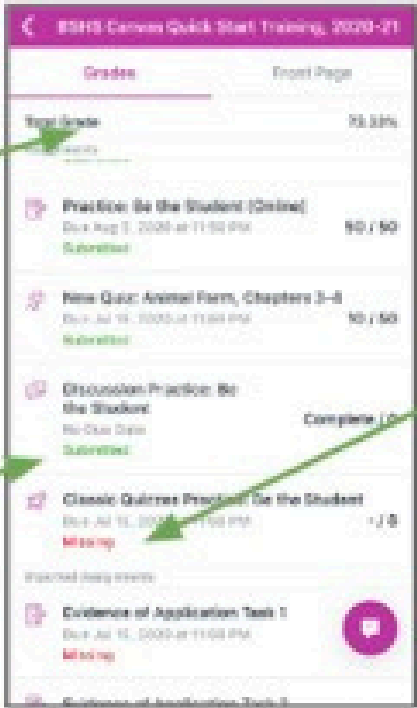
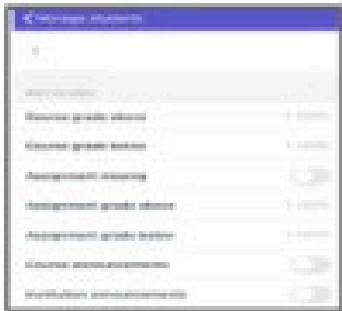
Alerts
Any alerts will appear in the Alerts tab. You can manage your alerts in the Manage Students section under the settings in the top left.

Class View
This will show you a detailed list of all assignments and your student's grades.

Submitted
This assignment is submitted. It might not be graded, but it is submitted.

Missing
This assignment is missing and was not turned in. Check with your child to see why it is missing.

Email
You can use this icon to email your student's teacher.





CRASH

Sponsored by Stacey McKenzie
(7th Grade Math Teacher & 7th Grade Team Leader)



**SCHEDULED
WEDNESDAYS**



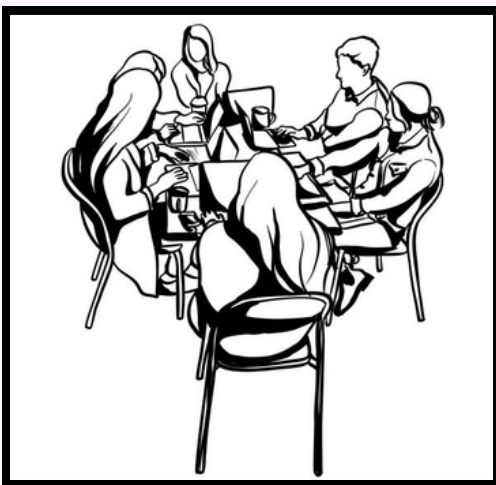
DISMISSAL - 6:00 PM



7TH GRADE WING
FLEX Room



STACEY MCKENZIE
stacey.mckenzie@fayette.kyschools.us



****This program completely relies on time and donations from Mrs. McKenzie, Volunteers and Sponsors.**

WHAT IS CRASH?

An afterschool program offered for students that provides dinner and an opportunity to do school work in a safe, positive, and structured environment.

WHAT IT ISN'T

- Not a Study Hall
- Not ESS
- Not One-on-One Tutoring Service
- Not Child Care

EXPECTATIONS

- Respect
- Manners
- Positive attitude
- Self-directed work ethic
- Must be able to attend until 6:00 PM
- Must be able to be picked up promptly at 6:00 PM

DINNER

Dismissal - 4:45 - Students will eat dinner and quietly speak with those sitting at the same table. Students are encouraged to get to know each other and practice table etiquette as they would at a more formal dinner, not as they would in the Cafeteria. Phones should not be used for social purposes.

HOMEWORK

4:45-5:45 Students must be on task working on school assignments (math first). Students that finish early are expected to read, do math practice, tutor others. *No one is permitted to play on phone or do games on Chromebook.*

*****At 5:45 all students will assist in clean up.**

VOLUNTEERS / DONATIONS

- Looking for volunteers to help with serving, clean up and tutoring.
- Need disposable utensils, napkins, paper towels, plates and bowls.
- Will accept groceries, drinks, meals prepared.
- Sponsors

9/10/25

9/17/25

9/24/25

10/8/25

10/15/25

10/22/25

10/29/25

11/5/25

11/12/25

11/19/25

NO CRASH 10/1/25, 11/26/25, 12/17/25, 12/24/25, 12/31/25 AND 1/7/26

CRASH RESUMES

1/14/25

IN THE EVENT THAT MRS. MCKENZIE HAS ANOTHER OBLIGATION THAT ARISES, SCHOOL IS CANCELED, OR EVENING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED, THERE WILL BE NO CRASH THAT EVENING, NOR WILL THERE BE A MAKEUP DAY.

Cut here and return if you wish to sign your student up for CRASH.

I would like for my student/child _____, to participate in CRASH. We understand the expectations of CRASH

Food Allergies?_____

If you can provide assistance, support, or donations, list here:_____

STUDENT(Print Name):_____Student Signature:_____

PARENT/GUARDIAN (Signature):_____

Contact Email:_____Phone #_____

SBDM Parent Council Member

Deadline: Must be postmarked by September 22, 2025

Directions: Mary E. Britton has 2 parent positions available for a term of 1 year on the first MEB Site Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council of the 2025-2026 Fayette County Public School calendar. Parents may nominate themselves or another parent as a nominee for election to the council. In order to qualify as a parent council member, a parent representative must be a parent, stepparent, foster parent, or legal guardian of a student at MEB. A parent is ineligible if he or she is an employee or relative of an employee (father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter) of MEB, the district central office, a local school board member, or the spouse of a board member.

Name of Nominee: _____ **DATE:** _____

Address: _____

Children Enrolled in MEB: _____

Nominated By: _____

Person being nominated: I agree to complete a background check and a registry check from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services regarding substantial child abuse or neglect and the school council member training. I accept this nomination and hereby certify that I am eligible to serve on this council and meet all qualifications as described above.

Nominee Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please attach a single page summary of your background and experiences that would qualify you for the SBDM Council. This information will be shared with voters before the election.

Please send the above nominations via email to alenaglass@gmail.com (President of PTSA at MEB) or send/bring form to MEB's front office.