

Educators' Committee for Advocacy and Policy or ECAP

Purpose of Committee:

The Educators' Committee for Advocacy and Policy (ECAP) will serve as a collaborative group of educators and Board of Education members focused on advocating for legislative change and shaping educational policies that impact teachers, students, and the community. The committee's core aim will be to provide the North Carolina General Assembly, Currituck Board of Education and administration with valuable, actionable insights from teachers and board members on the needs of the education system.

The committee will meet monthly to:

- Discuss issues within the district
- Provide advice and feedback to county administration
- Elevate concerns and recommendations to state legislative bodies
- Collaborate with other districts to strengthen the voice of educators in the legislative process

Goals:

1. Collaborate with other districts:
 - Build a regional coalition of educators from nearby districts to amplify collective concerns
 - Share best practices, experience and support
2. Focus on Legislative Advocacy:
 - Identify and track bills in the North Carolina General Assembly that directly impact the education sector
 - Provide input on proposed bills, with a focus on ensuring that the voices of teachers and students are represented in all education policies
 - Foster relationships with state legislators to build trust and influence on educational matters
3. Policy Advisory Role for the County Administration:
 - Serve as an advisory body to the district administration, providing insights on policies that impact teaching and learning at the local level
 - Facilitate a continuous feedback loop between teachers and district leadership to improve the educational environment
 - Recommend actions that improve resources for schools, enhance teacher retention, and address challenges such as overcrowded classrooms and insufficient school funding