

Join the Committee

Be part of the solution. Help strengthen transparency, accountability, and community trust.

The Southampton County School Board is Seeking Community Members

We invite interested individuals to apply for membership on the Southampton County School Board Committee to Promote Transparency and Accountability, an ad hoc committee established to support thoughtful review, collaboration, and recommendations in service of our school community.

Purpose of the Committee

- Promote transparency and accountability in governance and decision-making
- Provide community input and perspective
- Review relevant School Board communication and information-sharing policies, practices, or processes
- Develop recommendations that enhance openness, clarity, accessibility, and public trust for consideration by the School Board

Who Should Apply

We encourage applications from individuals who

- Are committed to respectful, constructive dialogue
- Represent diverse backgrounds, experiences, and viewpoints
- Can work collaboratively in a public process
- Are parents/guardians or community members

No prior board or committee experience is required.

Time Commitment

- Approximately six meetings between February and June 2026
- Meetings will be held in person, with the possibility of some virtual meetings
- Members serve on a voluntary, unpaid basis

How to Apply

Submit a letter of interest by January 8, 2026. The letter of interest should include your name, address, phone number, email, a brief statement of interest, and relevant experience or areas of interest (if any) that might benefit the committee.

The letter of interest should be emailed to laverna@southampton.k12.va.us or mailed to Ms. Lavern Artis, Southampton County Public Schools, P.O. Box 96, Courtland, VA 23837.

For additional information, call Dr. Deborah Goodwyn, Chairperson, Southampton County School Board, at 757 334-0309.

The School Board encourages broad participation and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or age.