

Calvert County Board of Education

Citizen Advisory Committee, Annual Summary, 2025-26

The BOE's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) met on a set schedule of the fourth Monday of each month, 6:00-7:30PM, at the Administration building, except for meetings canceled due to winter weather school closings. Each meeting featured guest speakers from Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS) leadership on a focused topic. The agendas always provided ample time for collaborative discussion and a period of reserved time for Q&A with the one or two attending Board Member(s).

CAC members appreciated the invitations to participate in CCPS focus groups. One CAC member served on a CCPS staff committee, and two members participated in this year's CCPS Efficiency Study. CAC involvement helped to further family engagement in school topics. Details of these CAC activities are outlined below.

CAC Meetings:

September 29, 2025

Topics included the Welcome, committee Roles and Responsibilities, and a survey activity on group topics of interest was conducted.

October 27, 2025

Topic: CCPS Budget Overview and Maryland Blueprint Funding, presented by Mr. Scott Johnson, CCPS Chief Financial Officer

November 24, 2025

Topic: CCPS Grading Policy, presented by Mr. Scott McComb, Director of System & Instructional Performance and 2025-26 Grading Committee colleagues

(January 26, 2026 – scheduled meeting canceled due to Winter weather school closure)

(February 23, 2026 – scheduled meeting canceled due to Winter weather school closure)

March 23, 2026

Topic: The Blueprint for Maryland's Future: College and Career Readiness and Post CCR Pathways, presented by Mr. Scott McComb, Director of System & Instructional Performance; Marcy Gruver, Blueprint and Communications Coordinator; and Ms. Carrie Atkins, Principal of CCPS Career and Technology Academy and Director of Career and Technical Education

April 27, 2026

Topic: Multi-Tiered System of Supports – Panorama Screener, presented by Mr. Scott McComb, Director of System & Instructional Performance; Ms. Jackie Jacobs, Chief Academic Officer; Ms.

Kendy Anderson, Director of Special Education; Ms. Cecelia Lewis, Director of Student Services; Ms. Suzanne McGowen, Supervisor of Student Services

May 18, 2026

Final meeting of the 2025-26 CAC. Dinner was provided and members participated in a survey on their experience as a CAC member. They also made recommendations for next year's discussion topics.

CCPS Committees:

January 2026, CCPS Efficiency Study, as contracted by BOE and conducted by Public Works LLC. Two CAC members sat for an interview with the Public Works supervisor. They provided parent/guardian and community feedback on relevant areas under the study's review.

February 2026, CCPS Assessments Committee

One CAC member served on this committee, which reviewed all student assessments that are given throughout the year, to ensure that CCPS is within the limits set by COMAR and that all assessments are necessary and not duplicated data. The committee met twice - one session focused on Secondary, and one session focused on Elementary. The committee was managed by Elizabeth Doster, CCPS Coordinator of Accountability and Instructional Data.

Respectfully submitted by Margot Densing, Chairperson