

# FREDERICK COUNTY'S SCHOOL GOVERNANCE TEAM

## Governance Team

In Frederick County, a 7-member Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools work together as the school system governance team. A system of site-based management gives each school's principal and team of staff, parent and community representatives responsibility for implementing system policies and curriculum.

The Board of Education sets policy not otherwise controlled by federal and state laws. It reviews and approves local education budgets for funding by the Board of County Commissioners and oversees expenditures from county, state and federal sources.

The Board hires and reviews the work of the Superintendent, monitors implementation of the school system's master plan, and gives final approval to curriculum matters and materials, staff appointments, equipment purchases, land acquisitions, and school construction, renovations and repairs.

The Board has two standing committees: the Curriculum and Instruction Committee and the Facilities and Finance Committee. Both review the issues and make recommendations to the full Board.

Voters elect three or four Board members to four-year terms every two years. The Board also includes a student member, a high school student selected by the Frederick County Association of Student Councils. A member of the Board of County Commissioners serves in a liaison capacity.

The Superintendent is the chief executive officer of the Frederick County Public Schools, serving as the system's curricular, fiscal and community leader. The Superintendent is responsible for assuring that the school system carries out Maryland public laws relating to schools, the Maryland State Board of Education's bylaws and policies, and the local school Board's mission, goals and policies. The Superintendent also serves as secretary-treasurer to the Board of Education. ★

## Citizen Involvement Encouraged

The Board of Education holds general public meetings throughout the year, typically at 115 East Church Street, Frederick. The Board welcomes citizens at these sessions and other forums concerning education matters of community interest. Board meetings begin with public comments, an opportunity for citizens to speak for three minutes on any subject relative to FCPS except personnel or other confidential matters. Please register ten minutes before the meeting and indicate whether you represent yourself or an organization. Please direct concerns about the actions of FCPS staff members to the appropriate school or department, or contact the Superintendent's Office for assistance. See page 5 for more information about addressing concerns or complaints.

Planning sessions, also open to the public, generally take place in the afternoons preceding general meetings. The Board will take public comment during planning sessions. Some meetings may be closed to the public if they concern confidential matters.

Board members present at Board committee meetings will also take public comment at the end of those meetings.

Maryland law restricts the Board's ability to meet in closed session, and the Board strives to keep meetings as open as possible. Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the FCPS Web site, via Find Out First email or from the Board office. ★

## Board of Education Public Meeting Schedule

Planning sessions are tentatively scheduled for 2 p.m. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. unless otherwise announced.

2007	2008
July 11	January 9 & 23
August 8 & 22	February 13 & 27
September 12 & 26	March 12 & 26
October 10 & 24	April 23
November 14 & 28	May 14 & 28
December 12	June 11 & 25

## The Board of Education

**Kathryn B. Groth**, President  
Office ends December 2007  
Term ends December 2008

**Jean A. Smith**, Vice President  
Office ends December 2007  
Term ends December 2010

**Daryl A. Boffman**  
Term ends December 2010

**Bonnie M. Borsa**  
Term ends December 2010

**Donna J. Crook**  
Term ends December 2008

**Leslie A. Mansfield**  
*Appointed by the Board of County Commissioners*  
Term ends December 2008

**Michael E. Schaden**  
Term ends December 2010

**Neha Kapoor**  
Student Member  
Term ends June 2008

*Superintendent of Schools*  
**Dr. Linda D. Burgee**

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