

## Operating Budget Committee

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It is the goal of the Operating Budget Committee to have AT LEAST one representative from each of the six (6) Areas. Current Area representation on the Operating Budget Committee:

Area	Representative
At Large:	Laura Mitchell, Chair
BCC (Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson/Whitman)	Dr. Henry Smith, Vice Chair
DCC (Blair/Einstein/Kennedy/Northwood/Wheaton)	
Central PTAs (Churchill/Richard Montgomery/Poolesville/Rockville/Wootton)	Cheryl Peirce
North PTAs (Damascus/Gaithersburg/Magruder/Watkins Mill)	
NEC (Blake/Paint Branch/Springbrook And Sherwood)	Brian Carter
West PTAs (Clarksburg/Northwest/Quince Orchard/Seneca Valley)	

We still need representation from several areas. Please help identify AT LEAST one person from your area to serve on this important committee.

### Recent & Ongoing Activities

- The MCPS Operating Budget Advisory Committee meetings have commenced work on the FY2020 budget. President Harris' designated attendee, Cheryl Peirce, reports:
  - "Stakeholders" are not being included in the actual budget meetings as in previous years but are instead taking part in an Advisory Committee. We are being asked to identify and discuss "Bright Spots," "Challenges & Concerns," and "Other Considerations" each meeting and have so far covered "Expanding Opportunities and Extended Learning" (Mtg #2) and "Improving Teaching and Learning" (today.) Each topic isn't "closed" after its day. We can circle back. Next meeting: "Physical, Psychological and Social." We will need to be watchful of how MCPS describes our input. They should not report that we had any sort of "seat at the table" during budget decisions as in the past.  
**This may warrant further discussion to ensure that we have a real voice in the compilation of the budget.**
  - September 25, 2018 – Superintendent's Budget Advisory Group Meeting #3/5
  - October 10, 2018 – Superintendent's Budget Advisory Group Meeting #4/5
  - October 23, 2018 – Superintendent's Budget Advisory Group Meeting #5/5

### Future Activities

MCPS Calendar (Source: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/>)

- December 4, 2018 FY 2020 Recommended Operating Budget Overview presentation during the Board of Education Business Meeting
- December 18, 2018 Public Presentation of the Recommended Operating Budget, location to be determined
- December 2018 through January 2019 \* Sign-up period for speakers at Board of Education Public Hearings
- January 9 & 14, 2019 Board of Education Public Operating Budget Hearings
- January 17 & 24, 2019 Board of Education Operating Budget Work Sessions
- February 12, 2019 Preliminary Adoption of the FY 2020 Operating Budget
- March 1, 2019 Board of Education Budget Transmittal to County Executive/Council
- March 14, 2019 County Executive Releases the FY 2020 Operating Budget

- April 2019 County Council Budget Public Hearings
- April – May, 2019 County Council Work Sessions
- May 23, 2019 County Council Budget Action
- June 11, 2019 Final Adoption of the FY 2020 Operating Budget
  - \*Please check the Board of Education web page in November 2018 for information about the sign-up period for the public hearings.

MCCPTA Operating Budget Supplemental Calendar

- December 13, 2018 (Tentative) – Operating Budget Forum with MCPS @ MCCPTA BOD (AVPs & CCs invited)
- December 17, 2018 (Tentative) - Operating Budget Workshop; Briefing on budget and advocacy items of concern and testimony guidance.

**For Your Reference:**

- BOARD OF ED MEETINGS: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/meetings/>
- COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS: [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/budget\\_summary/index.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/budget_summary/index.html)