Name of Committee: **Operating Budget**

Chair: Laura Mitchell Phone: (410) 422 – 2694 Committee Email: [operatingbudget@mccpta.org](mailto:operatingbudget@mccpta.org)

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Communication (e-list, etc): N/A

**SUBCOMMITTEES / WORK GROUPS** (if applicable): None/TBD

**Activities**:

* Budget Advisory Committee (MCPS)
  + Chair is attempting to get clarification from MCPS as to the process and timeline for developing the FY2023 budget.
  + Budget Advisory Committee meetings historically begin in August for MCPS to present a draft and gather input from student and staff centered interest groups. The group then meets 6-8 times to cover review and comment on each area of the budget with needs, gaps, and emerging issues.
  + Due to the pandemic, the FY2022 budget was presented in 4/5 meetings in near final form and with very limited input. Groups submitted their priorities, but we did not see much evidence of incorporation into the budget at that late stage.
  + At this time, there is no clear contact for the BAC this year, and it appears that the process will mimic last year’s proforma “engagement”.
* The Operating Budget Committee needs members from each cluster and each committee. When we receive the proposed budget, we will need to review and respond quickly to ensure that all needs are addressed and funded equitably.
* The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future (Kirwan Commission) Nominating Committee, by unanimous vote, submitted nine (9) nominees for the Accountability and Implementation Board to the Governor as required by law. The Governor requested that the Nominating Committee reopen the process and forward additional candidates, citing the lack of geographic and demographic diversity. The Nominating Committee declined to do so as there is no provision in the statue to grant them that authority. The statute requires the Governor to appoint seven (7) of the nine (9) nominees to the Accountability and Implementation Board by Friday, October 1, 2021.
  + There were 43 applications for the Board
  + The nine (9) unanimously selected nominees are:
* Mara Doss, the associate vice president for teaching, learning and student success at Prince George’s Community College.
* Fagan Harris, chief executive officer of Baltimore Corps, a nonprofit that recruits talented professionals and connects them to leadership opportunities.
* William “Brit” Kirwan, the chair of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, whose policy recommendations make up the foundation of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future.
* Isiah “Ike” Leggett, former Montgomery County executive and currently a member of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents.
* Jennifer Lynch, the director of educational partnerships for Baltimore County Executive John A. Olszewski Jr. (D) and previously an elementary school principal in Baltimore City Public Schools for five years.
* Joseph Manko, the education program officer for the Abell Foundation and previously an elementary school principal in Baltimore City Public Schools for ten years.
* Harry Preston V, a Baltimore City Public Schools teacher for the last 16 years.
* Laura Stapleton, the interim dean of the University of Maryland, College Park College of Education and a professor in human development and quantitative methodology.
* Joshua Starr, the chief executive officer of Phi Delta Kappa International, a nonprofit membership organization for K-12 educators, and previously the superintendent of Montgomery County Schools from 2011 to 2015

Source: Maryland Matters: [Nominees to Education Reform Oversight Panel Named](https://www.marylandmatters.org/2021/09/01/nominees-to-education-reform-oversight-panel-named/)

[By Elizabeth Shwe -September 1, 2021](https://www.marylandmatters.org/2021/09/01/nominees-to-education-reform-oversight-panel-named/).

**ACTIVITIES PLANNED**

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| **Activity** | **Details** | | **Timeframe/Deadline** |
| Outreach and communication | Share information through listservs, email lists, and social media on at least a monthly basis. | | Ongoing |
| Meetings | * Attend MCPS Operating Budget Advisory Committee meetings. * Conduct monthly Operating Budget Committee meetings in Fall – Spring, and ad hoc meetings via conference calls as needed at other times. | | Ongoing |
| Training | Provide virtual training for effective testimony to the Board of Education and the County Council.  Set an expectation that Committee Chairs (and members), Area VPs and Cluster Coordinators participate in the workshop, and strongly encourage Presidents & Boards from local units to attend. | | January 8, 2022  (January 15, snow date) |
| Local Testimony | Facilitate BOE and County Council testimony by MCCPTA Board members. | | January/March/April |
| **Activity** | | **Details** | **Timeframe/Deadline** |
| Kirwan Commission | | Keep MCCPTA members apprised of the status of the efforts to integrate funding from the “Kirwan Commission” legislation and keep members apprised of related funding bills. | Ongoing |
| State Legislature | | Work with State legislators to advance/protect the interests of MCCPTA families. Partner with Advocacy Chair on outreach to state legislators; host a legislative breakfast in Annapolis to share our point of view and enlist support for MCCPTA positions on proposed legislation. | January/February |
| Site visits | | * Visit schools/PTAs with significant Operating Budget needs, upon request, during the day or during a PTA meeting. * Attend student leadership group meetings to gain feedback and insights, as permitted. | As needed |
| Updates | | Keep MCCPTA updated on the MCPS Operating Budget priorities. | Ongoing |
| Educate County officials | | Inform and meet with current and new political representatives and candidates about specific Operating Budget needs in the county. | Ongoing |
| Feedback | | Propose annual and long-range objectives and policies for approval by MCCPTA Board of Directors and Delegates Assembly. | Ongoing |

**Important Dates:**

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| December 2021 | Public Presentation of the Recommended Operating Budget, location TBD |
| December 2021-January 2022\* | Sign-up period for speakers at Board of Education Public Hearings |
| January 9, 2022 | OB Testimony Workshop |
| January 2022 | Board of Education Public Operating Budget Hearings |
| January 2022 | Board of Education Operating Budget Work Sessions |
| February 2022 | Tentative Adoption of the FY 2023 Operating Budget |
| February 2022 | Board of Education Budget Transmittal to County Executive/Council |
| March 2022 | County Executive Releases the FY 2023 Operating Budget |
| April 2022 | County Council Budget Public Hearings |
| April - May, 2022 | County Council Work Sessions |
| May 2022 | County Council Budget Action |
| June 2022 | Final Adoption of the FY 2023 Operating Budget |
| \* Please check the Board of Education web page in November 2021 for information about the sign-up period for the public hearings. | |

**2021 Operating Budget Committee**

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| **Area** | **Representative** | **Email** | **Phone** |
| At Large: |  |  |  |
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| **BCC**  (Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson/Whitman) | Vacant |  |  |
| **Central PTAs**  (Churchill/Richard Montgomery/Poolesville/Rockville/Wootton) | Vacant |  |  |
| **North PTAs** (Damascus/Gaithersburg/Magruder/Watkins Mill) |  |  |  |
| **NEC**  (Blake/Paint Branch/Springbrook And Sherwood) | Vacant |  |  |
| **West PTAs** (Clarksburg/Northwest/Quince Orchard/Seneca Valley) | Vacant |  |  |