

Advocacy Update

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Significant changes are coming in the 2024 - 2025 school year, but...

**NOW is the
TIME to ACT!**

What can we do? Speak to our elected officials!

- 1. Sign the petition!** Call on the Carroll County Commissioners to fully fund CCPS. This money is **necessary** to keep CCPS functioning as it currently is next year - <https://chnq.it/WDPKhSSZ>
- 2. Email the commissioners** at commissioners@carrollcountymd.gov saying you value education and the county needs to fully fund the BOE's current FY24 and upcoming FY25 budget requests.
3. Changes to the Blueprint would need to be enacted into law by the Maryland General Assembly. There is a sample letter and a list of leaders to contact, both on the back of this flyer and on our PTA website. Write to elected officials asking them to:
 - 1. Hold counties accountable for our results** relative to our neighbors in exchange for greater flexibility on things like restrictions on compensatory education spending.
 - 2. Ease the timeline of the Blueprint phase-in** to allow financially struggling school systems more time to meet the challenges.
 3. Relax restrictions on how local school systems can spend funds under the Blueprint.
 4. Revise funding formulas so that more state funds are allocated to school systems under the Foundation funding category.



In Case You Missed It... You NEED to Hear This!

Watch the 28-minute recording of the Blueprint Town Hall with Superintendent McCabe.

She discusses the implications of implementing the state-mandated Blueprint including funding and class size.

Listen to it when you're making dinner or folding the laundry!

www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJxYwPGQ-U



See reverse for more details on these issues →

Want suggested wording on what to write to elected officials? Want to learn more?

LSE PTA's Advocacy Committee has put together many resources in one place on our website: <https://paperlesspto.keritech.net/Lsy/custompage.cfm?cpid=6185>



SCAN ME

Sample Letter,

I am deeply concerned about the challenges facing Carroll County Public Schools relating to the implementation of the Blueprint. We have excellent public schools in Carroll County and are concerned about large class sizes and an inability to allocate resources across all our schools as a result of implementing Blueprint. Please work with your colleagues to enact flexibility into the Blueprint requirements because each jurisdiction is facing unique challenges.

Holding county school systems accountable for their results relative to other systems in exchange for greater flexibility on Blueprint requirements - like restrictions on compensatory education spending - would go a long way to help Carroll County Public Schools. Please work to ease the timeline of the Blueprint phase-in to allow financially struggling school systems more time to meet the challenges. Relaxing restrictions on how local school systems can spend funds under the Blueprint would allow local jurisdictions to meet their unique challenges. Additionally, please consider revising funding formulas so that more state funds are allocated to school systems under the Foundation funding category, leading to greater flexibility.

I value the education of Maryland's children and appreciate you working hard to make the Blueprint implementation successful for students in Carroll County and across the state.

Request that elected officials enact changes to the Blueprint implementation!

Representing Carroll County:

Senator Justin Ready, email: justin.ready@senate.state.md.us

Senator Chris West, email: chris.west@senate.state.md.us

Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat, email: eric.bouchat@house.state.md.us

Delegate April Rose, email: april.rose@house.state.md.us

Delegate Chris Tomlinson, email: chris.tomlinson@house.state.md.us

Delegate Joshua Stonko, email: joshua.stonko@house.state.md.us

Beyond Carroll County:

Senators on the Education, Energy and the Environment

Committee, email: AA_EHE@mlis.state.md.us

Delegates on the Ways and Means Committee, email: AA_WAM@mlis.state.md.us

Senate President - Bill Ferguson, email: bill.ferguson@senate.state.md.us

Senate Minority Leader - Stephen Hershey, Jr., email: steve.hershey@senate.state.md.us

Speaker of the House - Adrienne Jones, email: adrienne.jones@house.state.md.us

House Minority Whip - Jesse Pippy, email: jesse.pippy@house.state.md.us

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