

Advisory Group Committee Orientation (School Closure)

December 14, 2022

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Agenda: Information covered:

- **Why Are We Here?**
- **What Conditions Must Be Considered?**
- **How Did We Get Here?**
- **Why Are We Discussing These Schools? (Impact of Facilities)**
- **Educational Programming**
- **How Do We Get There?**
- **Next Steps?**



Why Are We Here?



COMAR 13A.02.09

**GCBOE Policy:
FCB Closing of Schools**

**Sec. 13a.02.09.01.
Adoption of Procedures
to Govern School
Closings**


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Book	Policy
Section	F: Facilities Planning and Development
Title	Closing of Schools
Code	FCB
Status	Active
Legal	COMAR 13A.02.09.09 COMAR 13A.02.09.01 COMAR 13A.02.01.02-1 COMAR 13A.02.09.03
Adopted	September 10, 1981
Last Revised	September 11, 1996
Last Reviewed	September 11, 1996

Below the table, there is a note: "In accordance with 13A.02.09 of the Regulations of the State Public Schools, the Garrett County Public Schools hereby adopts the following policy/procedures to be used in making decisions on school closings." followed by a link to the [Board/Supervisor Consent](#) form. The text below the link reads: "Whenever a school is being considered for closing, the Superintendents shall form an Advisory Group made up of staff members and members of the public selected by the Superintendents to investigate and report to the Superintendents the advantages and disadvantages of closing the school."

What Does a School Advisory Committee do?

Charged with investigating and reporting on **the impact of the proposed school closures** in accordance with COMAR 13A.02.09 of the Regulations of the State Public Schools & Garrett County School Board Policy FCB: Closing of Schools.



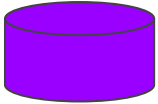
COMAR 13A.02.09 & Policy FCB School Closing

The following factors will be considered:

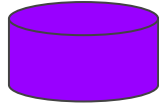
- A. Enrollment Trends**
- B. Conditions of School**
- C. Utility Costs**
- D. Facility Study**
- E. Transportation**
- F. Educational Programs**
- G. Racial Composition**
- H. Financial Considerations**
- I. Student Relocations**
- J. Community Impact**



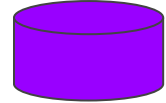
Who Serves on the School Advisory Committee?



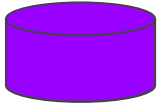
School Administrators



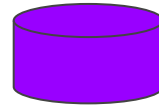
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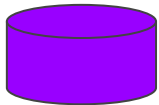
Parents



GCPS School Staff: Receiving School



Community Members



Superintendent's staff will attend as applicable



What Conditions Must Be Considered?

Dr. Jane Wildesen

- Purpose of Advisory Committees
- Roles of Advisory Committee
- Rules of Engagement



Roles of Advisory Committee

Each committee will vote on the following roles: [\(Use selection sheet\)](#)

Chairman

The chair shall facilitate the committee meetings and keep order with members of the committee during meetings, and/or shall present said report to the Superintendent and Board at the January board of education meeting.

Presenter

Present said report to the Superintendent and Board at the January board of education meeting.

Recorder

The recorder will compile a written report of the nine listed areas to be submitted to the Superintendent.



Meeting: Rules of Engagement

To accomplish this, let's agree on some ground rules:

Making time for everyone to speak and participate.

Being patient and not interrupting others.

Respecting each others differing thoughts or opinions.

Value everyone's different inputs.

Remain open to new ideas.

Respect different communication styles.

Be respectful with use of cell phones.

Confidentiality (Social Media)

Are there any other rules?

*Can we all agree
with these rules?*



How Did We Get Here?


Mrs. Alison Sweitzer

- The Perfect Storm
- Enrollment Trends & Projections
- Blueprint for Maryland's Future Funding Changes



Why Are We Discussing These Schools?

(Impact of Facilities) **Mr. Rich Wesolowski**

- Conditions of schools
 - Statewide Facilities Assessment
 - Facility Condition Index (FCI)
 - Educational Sufficiency Standard
 - Maryland Condition Index (MDCI)
 - Capital Improvement Needs
 - Attendance Areas
 - Transportation
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Educational Programming

Dr. Nicole Miller and Mrs. Dawna Ashby

- [Educational Programs](#) Overview
- Grade-Band and Facility Use Meetings for Northern Area Schools



How to Find Information on GCPS Resources?

Mr. Mark Greene

- GCPS website
 - Groupings
 - Departments
- BoardDocs
 - Board Meetings
 - Policies



Advisory Group Committee Timeline

Advisory Group Meeting Dates:

- **December 20, 22, 2022**
- **January 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 2023**
- **Jan 12, 2023** **Written report due to Jane Wildesen by close of business**
- **Jan 17, 2023** **Public Recommendation to Superintendent**


Public Hearing sessions-One for each school (Swan Meadow & Rt 40) and a virtual public comment opportunity, during the timeframe of February 6-10, 2023.

- **Board Meeting February 14, 2023**
- **Decision will be made before March 9, 2023**

Note: This timeline is in alignment with COMAR regulations 13A.02.09.00-13A.02.09.03 and GCPS Policy FCB Closing of Schools.

How Do We Get There?

Next steps...

- Secure Meeting Dates/Locations for Rt 40 and SM
 - Vote on Roles of Committee Members: Chairman, Recorder
 - Tour existing school and receiving school
 - Written Report/Presentation of recommendation for superintendent Jan 12, 2023
 - Presentation of recommendation to superintendent Jan 17, 2023 (tentative)
 - Process for requesting additional information/data needed
 - Decision by Board March 9, 2023
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Resource Page



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