## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY NOMINATION PROCESS FACT SHEET

**Background:** The <u>Maryland Education Code Annotated §3-2B-03</u> outlines the composition and selection of the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission. The Board of Education of Baltimore County includes both appointed and elected members. Seven nonpartisan members are elected, one from each councilmanic district, while four at-large members are appointed by the Governor from a list of candidates selected by the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission (BCSBNC). The 12<sup>th</sup> board member is a Grade 11 or 12 student elected by their peers from Baltimore County Public Schools.

Applications for interested county residents who wish to be considered by the BCSBNC for inclusion on the list sent to the Governor will be available as of May 4, 2023, and accepted *through 4 p.m. on May 18, 2023.* Applications, resumes, and two letters of recommendation can be mailed to the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission, c/o Tracy Gover, 6901 N. Charles Street, Towson, MD 21204.

## Application and related information are available here:

- Visit the <u>BCPS Web Page</u>
- Drop down the menu on the "Board of Education" tab, then click on the "BCSB Nominating Commission" link
- Click on "BCSB Nominating Commission 2021-2025"
- Find the "Application for Nomination" heading
- > Direct link to BCSBNC information and application (coming soon)

Applicants accepted for consideration will be interviewed by a BCSBNC panel before a final determination is made. Candidate interviews will be held in Building E on the BCPS Greenwood Campus on the following dates beginning at a time to be determine:

Three information sessions for the public have been scheduled virtually for community members to learn about the hybrid-model Board of Education and to provide input on the characteristics they desire in school board members.

- Monday, May 1, 2023, 7-8 p.m.
- Thursday, May 4, 2023, 7-8 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 7-8 p.m.

## **Requirements for Board of Education Nominees:**

- > At least 21 years old
- Baltimore County resident for at least 2 years
- > Not employed by Baltimore County Public Schools
- > Cannot have filed a certificate of candidacy for election to the county school board
- Cannot be a candidate for, or hold an elected or appointed office for, a political party or the local, state, or federal government

## Nomination Process and Timeline:

- > Applicants apply by 4 p.m. on May 18, 2023
- BCSBNC holds three public information sessions virtually on the nominee selection process before recommending nominees to the Governor for appointment to Board of Education (dates offered above)
- > Applicants take part in interviews (to be determined)
- > BCSBNC presents at least two names for each at-large seat to the Governor
- State law provides that appointed members serve a four-year term. However, based upon recent <u>amendments to state law</u>, those persons appointed in 2023 (and only those persons) will serve until 2028 — beyond the standard 4-year term.
- In the case of a vacancy during a term, the Board of Education member's terms begins after the Governor's official appointment to fill the remaining term vacated (December 2028).