



School News

Important Dates Coming Soon

Make a play

High school theater students are treading the boards this spring. Maurice J. McDonough High School is performing "High School Musical" from April 12 and 14; Henry E. Lackey High School's "The Pajama Game" is set for April 19 to 21; North Point High School's show, "The Addams Family," is slated for April 19 to 21; "Sister Act" will be performed April 26 to 28 by Westlake High School's theater department; and La Plata High School goes under the sea with "The Little Mermaid" from May 3 to 5.

Club is in fashion

Thomas Stone High School's Exclusive Models will hold a spring fashion show at the school on Friday, April 13. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., the show starts at 6:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$10 and will cost more at the door. The Thomas Stone Dance Team will perform at the event. For information or tickets, email Kimberly Mack at kmack@ccboe.com.

Teacher job fair set

A teacher job fair is 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at St. Charles High School. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher, meet certification requirements for the Maryland State Department of Education or be eligible for Maryland certification through reciprocity. Candidates are required to complete and submit an online application at www.ccboe.com/careers/currentopenings by the end of the business day on Thursday, April 19.

Music to your ears

The JustMusicians Grand Jam is 7 p.m. April 24 at North Point High School. The event is being organized by North Point senior Addy Hebou, who is collecting old or used instruments for his Eagle Scout project, Scouting for Music. The collection of used instruments will go to middle schoolers.



How does your MESA garden grow?

Mickey Green Jr., a fifth grader at Eva Turner Elementary School, waters the plants his Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) team, the Tiger Trio, incorporated in its entry for the elementary MESA competition March 29. The team competed in the Storybook Theme Park category by creating a lazy river based on the book the "Umbrella." Go to <https://bit.ly/2q98kkg> to read more about the 2018 MESA competitions.

Congressman hosts School Safety Roundtable

"Every student deserves to go to school without fearing for his or her safety," Congressman Steny Hoyer said as he opened a roundtable discussion on March 28 to discuss school safety with Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) students.

The Congressman was at St. Charles High School March 28 to conduct two, hour-long roundtables to learn what CCPS students, staff and parents think about school safety and how to make schools safer.

Hoyer talked first with students who said they want more school resource officers in their hallways, additional counselors, easy access to mental health care, better preparation during emergency drills and consider-

ation of metal detectors. "We need to know our thoughts and prayers are turning into action," said Drew Carter, student member to the Board of Education, who kicked off the student comments.

He said there should be more school resource officers in high schools, making coverage more proportionate to the student population.

Hoyer took copious notes during the roundtable as students expressed what might make them feel safer at school.

He heard their angst over the rise in mass shootings across the nation and the unnerving effect of a fatal shooting at Great Mills High School in neighboring St. Mary's County.

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Congressman Steny Hoyer, right, met with school system staff, students and parents to discuss school safety. St. Charles High School seniors Jonathon Moss, left, and Drew Carter were part of a panel, along with Superintendent Kimberly Hill.

Mateo Cortez, a La Plata High School senior, said he likes the school system's focus on See Something, Say Something, but it is important to have additional school counselors and psychologists available to talk with students on a personal level and beyond academics. Cortez said his guidance counselor's schedule is packed with helping people get into college and transfers. Students also suggested providing mental health awareness training for teachers as another layer of support for students.

Students expressed a need for better emergency drills. "Drills help to an extent," said Kristin McAlpine of St. Charles High School, but said students don't always take them seriously and the drills are often held during the same class.

Riley Simpson of Maurice J. McDonough High School asked leaders to take a closer look at the layout of schools, especially open-space schools like McDonough, that present unique security and safety challenges.

In a second roundtable with teachers, staff and parents, Courtney Abell, an English teacher at McDonough, also talked about the need for better security in schools with few walls and doors.

Student opinions on metal detectors varied, but many feel they would be beneficial. Leasia Parker of Westlake High School said she thinks metal detectors can stop crime before it begins. Jonathon Moss of St. Charles agrees with placing metal detectors at schools and said officials sometimes focus too much on the image of schools rather than safety. "We shouldn't worry about how it looks," Moss said.

When Superintendent Kimberly Hill

asked students to weigh in on the suggestion of arming teachers, Henry E. Lackey High School's Kaitlyn Willett replied, "I feel like that's an awful idea."

Other students said they might be open to the idea if a teacher was highly trained and had experience using a firearm. Teachers, staff and parents joined Hoyer during a second roundtable, and echoed many of the students' concerns.

They see a need for more mental health training for staff, additional resource officers and funding for facility enhancements, including constructing secure entry ways at all schools and adding walls and doors in open space schools.

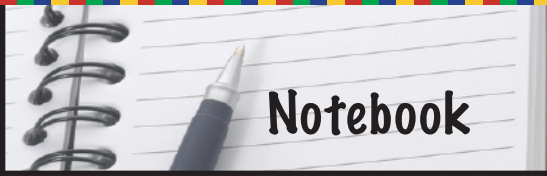
Parents said there is a need for more parental involvement; teachers talked about discipline issues, including the need for early intervention for young children with severe behavior and emotional problems.

Additionally, the group raised concerns about safety in modular classrooms and on school buses. A majority of the ideas, issues and concerns brought forth by the students, parents and staff were underlined with the topic of funding.

Hoyer closed out the roundtables saying young people are changing the tenor of the school safety debate.

He said it is sad that so many students don't feel safe in school and that teachers worry about the possibility of having to protect their students from an active shooter. "There is no higher priority than student safety," Hoyer said.

To watch the complete roundtable discussion, visit the Charles County Public Schools website at <http://www.ccboc.com/ccboetv/?videocategory=special-programs>.



On the cover

Pictured on the front cover are staff members of William B. Wade Elementary Schools. From left are Madelyn Mazzeo, music teacher; John Wheeler, a fifth-grade teacher; and Joy Fisher, a special education instructional assistant and the sponsor of the school's Go Green group.

The Big 5-0

T.C. Martin Elementary School is celebrating 50 years on Saturday, April 28. The school opened in 1967. The event will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast. A program will start at 9:15 a.m. where visitors can share their memories of going to school at Martin. From 10 to 11 a.m., illusionist Joe Romano will stage a magic show. Guests can tour the school and look at old pictures.

Sports camps open

North Point High School is hosting camps for children 8 to 14 this summer. A girls' lacrosse camp is June 18 to 22. A boys' basketball camp is open for two sessions — one is June 18 to 22, another is June 25 to 29. To register for the basketball camp, go to <https://bit.ly/2IDk0mJ>. For the lacrosse camp, go to <https://bit.ly/2qge5gB>.

Sign up for summer camp

Registration is open for Charles County Public Schools Summer Enrichment camps. Camps are for CCPS-enrolled students and residents of Charles County in kindergarten through ninth grade, according to the student's 2018-19 school year grade level. Camps are offered in the mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and afternoons from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Students staying for morning and afternoon sessions can be enrolled in the Lunch Activity Time session from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for \$10 a week. Lunch includes supervision and a meal. The cost per camp session is \$90 per week with some camps requiring an extra \$10 fee to cover the cost of materials. Go to <http://www.ccboc.com/index.php/summer-camp-2018>.

Game officials needed

The Washington District Football Officials Association is looking for high school football game officials and clock operators. Applicants must be 18 and older. Call 877-777-1667 or go to www.wdfoa.org.

CCPS employees honored for years of service to school system

The Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools Kimberly Hill honored Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) employees on March 29 for their years of service to the school system and commitment to education during a ceremony held at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building.

Dorothy Swann-Cole was honored for 45 years of service. She is a school counselor at J.C. Parks Elementary School and also served as a counselor at Dr. Samuel A. Mudd and Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy elementary schools. She began her career with the school system as a third-grade teacher at Port Tobacco Elementary School and also taught at Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School. Also honored for 45 years of service was the late James Sullivan, a building service worker at Indian Head Elementary School. Sullivan spent his entire 45-year career at Indian Head. He passed away suddenly a week prior to the ceremony, and his brother and sister-in-law attended and accepted his achievement on his behalf. Five CCPS employees were recognized for 40 years of service to the school system. They are Polly Callahan, Cheryl Ervin, Jane Larivee, Marcellus Pailen and Dennis Posey. Callahan is the library media specialist at St. Charles High School. She began her career with the school system as a social studies teacher at Thomas Stone High School. Ervin is a Reading Recovery program teacher at William A. Diggs Elementary School. She began her career at T.C. Martin Elementary School and has also taught at Berry, Indian Head and J.C. Parks elementary schools. Larivee is a special education teacher at Stone. She began her career with the school system at the F.B. Gwynn Educational Center and also taught at John Hanson Middle School. Pailen began his career at Henry E. Lackey High School as a music teacher and band director. He transferred to Matthew Henson Middle School as an instrumental music teacher in 1990, where he continues to teach. Posey began his career with CCPS as a building service worker at Lackey, and later transitioned to the CCPS Annex I building and the Starkey Building. In 1999, he moved to a truck driver position in the school system's warehouse, where he continues to work. The Board and Dr. Hill also honored more than 50 employees with 35, 30 and 25 years of service. They are

Employees with 35 years of service

- Jean Beierle, Spanish teacher, Stone; and
- Adam Livers, maintenance worker, CCPS Maintenance Shop.

Employees with 30 years of service

- Robert Babiak, vice principal, North Point High School;
- Connie Bannister, secretary, Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School;
- Joeann Cooper, building service assistant manager, Mattawoman Middle School;
- Duania Darby, social studies teacher, Theodore G. Davis Middle School;
- Diane Fisher, science teacher, John Hanson Middle School;
- Linda Foshee, food service manager, Arthur Middleton Elementary School;
- Sharon Hedrick, elementary science teacher, Mary B. Neal Elementary School;
- John Holmes, high school test coordinator, La Plata High School;
- Sheryl Howell, art teacher, Stone;
- Meighan Hungerford, acting director of elementary schools,

Starkey;

- Amy James, school counselor, Westlake High School;
- Don King, social studies teacher, Davis;
- Kenneth Lane, physical education teacher, North Point;
- Karen Oliver, Reading Recovery teacher, Malcolm Elementary School;
- Catherine Sokol, first-grade teacher, William B. Wade Elementary School;
- Diana Warfield, trainer/documentalist, Starkey; and
- Clifton Whitford, instrumental music teacher, Hanson.

Employees with 25 years of service

- Hannah Barnes, building service worker, Middleton;
- Kevin Clancy, language arts teacher, Benjamin Stoddert Middle School;
- Catherine Curtis, special education instructional assistant, Neal;
- Karen Dennis, guidance secretary, Stoddert;
- Susan Ebbitt, pupil personnel worker, Hanson and Starkey;
- Heidi Furman, library media specialist, Wade;
- Patrick Ganter, physical education teacher, Piccowaxen Middle School;
- Teresa Getgen, physical education teacher, La Plata;
- Edwin Hall, school counselor, Lackey;
- Steven Hawkins, building service worker, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Elementary School;
- John Hollyfield, technology education teacher, North Point;
- Henry Jamieson, job placement coordinator, Lackey;
- Diane Jenkins, instructional specialist for English, Starkey;
- Sonia Jones, school counselor, Gale-Bailey Elementary School;
- Andre Kenan, social studies teacher, Stone;
- June King, food service worker, Stone;
- Patricia Koch, library media specialist, Mary H. Matula Elementary School;
- Eric McElhenny, project manager, CCPS Building 101;
- Connie Mouton, social studies teacher, Mattawoman Middle School;
- Diana Nagel, family and consumer science teacher, St. Charles High School;
- Kenneth Schroeck, senior project manager, CCPS Building 101;
- Elisabeth Shook, compliance facilitator, Westlake;
- Clifton Shorter, building service manager, Mattawoman;
- Angie Sidney, kindergarten teacher, Malcolm;
- Arden Sotomayor, director of special education, Starkey;
- James Swailes, building service assistant manager, Indian Head Elementary School;
- Steven Timmerman, physical education teacher, Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy;
- Kenneth Tojek, school counselor, Milton M. Somers Middle School;
- Trisha Volland, foreign language teacher, Davis;
- Margaret Whiting, elementary science teacher, Wade;
- Melinda Wright, second-grade teacher, Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy; and
- Michael Ziebell, special education teacher, Somers.

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Agenda for the April 17 Board of Education meeting



The Board of Education's next monthly meeting is Tuesday, April 17 at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building on Radio Station Road in La Plata. The public portion of the meeting begins at 1 p.m. and student and staff recognition starts at 4:30 p.m. The meeting is televised live on Comcast Channel 96 and Verizon FiOS Channel 12 and is rebroadcast throughout the week.

Board meetings are streamed live on the school system website at www.cboe.com. Select the live stream image in the center of the home page. The following is a tentative meeting agenda and is subject to change.

Executive session – 12 p.m.

Call to order – 1 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance, St. Charles High School

Recognition of student state winners

Recognition of Henry E. Lackey High School students

Superintendent's update

Reports of officers/boards/committees

Correspondence/Board Member updates

Education Association of Charles County update

- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees update
- Student Board Member update
- 2019-2020 calendar
- District Committee on Assessment

- Project status update
- Feasibility of moratorium for Berry and Mary H. Matula elementary schools
- Activity buses
- Cameras on buses
- FY 2018 Intercategory budget transfer request
- Legislative update

Recognition of Ruth Ann Hall Scholar Awards
Unfinished business

New business and future agenda items

Recognition – 4:30 p.m.

- Resolutions: Teacher Appreciation Week; Administrative Professionals Week; Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week; and National Physical Education and Sport Week
- Students
- Employees

Public Forum – 6 p.m.

Action items

- Minutes
- Personnel
- Eligibility policy

Adjournment

Personnel

Apply for positions online at www.cboe.com/jobs/currentopenings.php. All teaching positions require a bachelor's degree and MSDE certification requirements.

Job Openings

Food and Nutrition State Claims Processor

— Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Five or more year's practical experience in accounting or bookkeeping in an office environment is required and experience in the area of food service accounting preferred. Experience in an educational institution preferred and the ability to maintain confidential information is a must. Apply by April 18.

Front Office Secretary — Mattawoman Middle School, 10.5-month position. Applicants must have a high school diploma and the ability to type 50 WPM. Knowledge of efficient office practices and procedures, and strong organizational skills are a must. Ability to react effectively to various simultaneous in-

quiries and to difficult or emotional situations is required. Apply by April 19.

Food Service Worker — Henry E. Lackey High School, 10-month position for 6 hours a day. Applicants must have sufficient education to have basic skills in reading, record keeping and arithmetic and the ability to work rapidly and efficiently in a wide range of temperature conditions. Knowledge of principles of sanitation and kitchen safety is preferred and the ability to work effectively with school personnel and students is required. Apply by April 20.

Director of School Safety and Security — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or equivalent in criminology, law enforcement, emergency management, educational administration or related fields. Knowledge of procedures and practices for ensuring the safety and welfare of others is required. Position open until filled.

ESOL Teacher — location to be determined, 10-month position. A bachelor's degree and certification requirements as established by the Maryland State Department of Education for certification in English for Speakers of Other Languages, Prek-12 (ESOL) is required. The ability to work with students, parents and staff required. Apply by Sept. 30.

Director of Student Services — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Applicants must have a master's degree, APC and A&S certification and a minimum of three years of experiences as a school administrator or a minimum of five years of related leadership experience in coordinating and supervising area. Apply by June 30.

Extra pay positions

Head Varsity Volleyball Coach — Maurice J. McDonough High School. Call 301-934-1100. Apply by April 27.

Head Varsity Softball Coach — Thomas Stone High School. Call 301-843-0074. Apply by April 27.