

# Agenda for August 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of The Combined Education Committee

To reduce the funding gap between  
expenditures and revenues while maintaining  
a quality education system

- Welcome and Introductions
- Adoption of Minutes from August 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting
- New Items
  - Presentation
    - Superintendent Stephen Guthrie
      - Percentage of staff reductions.
      - Facility utilization from other school systems
      - Overview of behavioral programs.
      - Information on the wealth formula and the impact of inflation.
  - Discuss Future Presentations
    - Delegate Rose - Career and Technology
    - Rachel Hise - State of Maryland
      - Questions for Rachel
    - Any other presentations from State or other organizations?
- Past Items Raised
  - What of the data already presented is relevant to help bridge the funding gap?
  - Departure analysis for teachers alone
  - Facilities masterplan and capital budget requests
  - Creating the best teaching environment
    - Reducing administrative tasks
    - Reducing testing
    - Increasing classroom support
    - Use of volunteers
  - Career and Technology - creative solutions
  - How do other counties spend their school dollars?
  - Are there different (more cost effective) ways to do things and keep the same quality system?
- Items pending review
  - Resources needed
  - Research
    - Information from other jurisdictions inside as well as outside Maryland
    - What other information is needed?
- Board Meetings
  - Dates for future meetings - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 4pm
  - Next meeting in September 7<sup>th</sup>, 4pm in the Reagan Room of the County Office Building
  - Date with conflict is:
    - October 19<sup>th</sup> will be moved also to a date not yet determined
  - Hold Nov 2 and call it a wrap-up meeting?
  - Public Comment Meeting - Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30pm
    - Plan on another public meeting at the end of October to respond to recommendations