

Friends of Education Award

Recognizing Community Support for the Howard County Public School System

Howard County is a community that values education and cherishes its children. As a result, many Howard County community members, businesses, and organizations donate their time and talents in support of public education.

The Howard County Board of Education has established the Friends of Education Award to recognize and show appreciation to those who have made exemplary contributions to Howard County public education and to increase awareness of the importance of community involvement to the achievement of the school system's Strategic Call to Action (SCTA) plan.

Who does the award recognize?

The Friends of Education Award recognizes an individual, business, or organization for innovative or unique sustained contribution that:

- Directly support the school system's vision, mission, and commitments.
- Is significant in its scope. In the case of organizations, such as PTA's, the contribution *must be beyond the normal scope of activities.*

Who is eligible?

Any member of the Howard County community, any non-profit group, organization, association, or business located in or serving Howard County who has not already been a recipient, may be nominated for the Friends of Education Award.

School system employees and previous award winners are not eligible. There are three categories:

- Individual
- Business
- Non-profit group, organization, or association

Who may nominate?

Any employee of the Howard County Public School System, Howard County resident or member of a group, organization, association, or business located in or serving Howard County may submit a nomination.

What is required for nomination?

Nomination applications for the Friends of Education Award may be obtained:

- By contacting the Board of Education at 410-313-1584.
- Through the HCPSS website <https://www.hcpss.org/board/friends-of-education/>
- www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/public. From the Feature Page, Select Documents→Friends of Education.



Nomination Process

Complete the nomination application & include three current signed letters of recommendation that speak to the criteria.

Forward completed packets to:

Executive Assistant, Board of Education Howard County Public School System
10910 Clarksville Pike
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Nomination Deadline

- Completed nomination packets are due by February 24, 2020.
- Nominees and recipients will be notified by March 23, 2020.
- Awards will be presented at the Board of Education meeting on April 16, 2020.

The four overarching commitments of the Howard County Public School System.

View the HCPSS Strategic Call to Action (SCTA) at <https://www.hcpss.org/scta/>

Value, Achieve, Connect, and Empower articulate expectations for the school system and serve to ensure that the system's operations and activities are focused and aligned.

Value: Every HCPSS stakeholder feels happy and rewarded in their roles and takes pride in cultivating the learning community.

Achieve: An individualized focus supports every person in reaching milestones for success.

Connect: Students and staff thrive in a safe, nurturing, and inclusive culture that embraces diversity.

Empower: Schools, families and the community are mutually invested in student achievement and well-being.