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Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Brenda E. McCartney

TO: Garrett County Board of Education Members

FROM: Dr. Nicole Miller, Chief Academic Officer & Blueprint Coordinator

DATE: July 9, 2024

RE: GCPS Blueprint Strategic Plan and Stakeholder Feedback Plan

CC: Dr. Brenda E. McCartney, Superintendent

Over the last six months, our GCPS Blueprint Executive Committee has drafted a three-year Blueprint Strategic Plan to support the implementation of the Maryland Blueprint aligned with the school system's mission, vision, and priorities. This work has incorporated feedback from many stakeholders including teachers, support staff, administrators, parents, community partners, and students through various committees and work groups. In an effort to continue prioritizing stakeholder feedback, GCPS will be launching a series of focus groups to inform this work. The input gathered will support the Blueprint Executive Committee in making final adjustments prior to launching the strategic plan.

The focus group work will begin in early July with two groups of teachers and support staff. This will be followed with a series of community focus groups in late July/early August. Finally, Superintendent McCartney and I would like to ask the Board to act as a focus group at the August Board meeting prior to finalizing and launching the GCPS Blueprint Strategic Plan.

In the coming weeks, the Board will see press releases soliciting community participation in this process as we complete this work. At the completion of this work, GCPS intends to have an accessible Blueprint Strategic Plan that has been informed by stakeholder feedback that will allow the system to meet the diverse needs of our students and community.