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Calvert County Board of Education Executive Staff and School Board Members
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Dear Calvert County BoE Executive Staff and Board Members:

You have been aware since at least last February that Daniel D. Curry has been inviting a shooting to CCPS. Over time we have learned the majority of you have valued your own positions and images over the people you were elected to protect and represent, and have been negligent, arrogant and complicit in your misuse and abuse of power. A good example of this is how you knew we were about to be threatened with truancy charges in the Calvert Recorder and never did anything to assuage our fears, even though you knew what had already happened to another family who was charged, after they had been through so much because of Jack Smith and Daniel D. Curry's malice and caprice.

Since the beginning of this school year we have been hearing stories of high school students being terrorized by school administrators/teachers for their use of personal cell phones between classes, after school, etc., although they are being used in accordance with CCPS personal device contracts. Why? Even after we exposed what you so clearly already should have seen, he continues to plot new ways to encourage a shooting. Daniel D. Curry knows the coincidence anniversaries and dates have played in so many shootings. Just as he issued an edict to middle and high schools that everyone must remain inside on the 2018 anniversary of the Columbine shooting, right after our complaint about Southern Middle School (and new CTA Vice Principal Travis Mister) was delivered, this is another avenue to maximize bloodshed if a shooting were to occur, and for him to revel in his self-supposed cleverness. If administrators and teachers threaten students over *any* cell phone use, students will be afraid to use their phones to contact 911, people elsewhere in their schools or loved ones. Students also will not have the ability to document the ever-burgeoning violence, unaddressed and open drug use, etc. that plagues CCPS and which would serve to debunk claims the schools are safe and well-run. Recently there was a student at Calvert High who threatened to shoot his teacher and classmates. It took far too long for him to finally be transferred to the Country School, where apparently, he is permitted to leave campus for work. Meanwhile, the Calvert High teacher who repeatedly complained about the threats has faced blowback, including being reduced to part-time work and transferred. Does this mean she might lose benefits or is no longer able to work toward a pension?

We firmly believe that after so many years of Daniel D. Curry proudly touting CCPS as a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) system, and as his reign of pain and terror nears an explosive and revelatory end, he wishes for there to be a grand "finale" where he can exult in ultimate control and power. People like Daniel D. Curry do not suddenly and in the twilight of their careers start hurting people – people like him have long histories of victims in their wakes. They have spent decades revising and refining their strategies to take from people and cause pain and difficulty. How many districts and people have

suffered under his “leadership?” How many leaders in other systems have been content to pass off him to his next victims, simply to rid themselves of him and avoid their basic social and organizational obligations? For years Daniel D. Curry allowed and encouraged cell phone use to go unchecked throughout CCPS, knowing it was one more thing that contributed to an atmosphere of chaos and disrespect in the schools. Why would someone encourage that in the school system they run? We know why. When everyone everywhere is off balance, and has been hurt, is being hurt, or fears they are next, it is impossible to monitor and address *any* form of abuse in the system. This makes it much easier for people like Travis Mister to avoid detection. Just as Daniel D. Curry has exploited meaningful and fundamental laws and concerns like “First Amendment Rights” and “Equity” as nothing more than taglines to facilitate his malicious goals, he has permitted and encouraged BYOD personal cell phone use - until only very recently - to go unchecked everywhere.

Two and a half years ago Saint Leonard Elementary master teacher Jennifer Hudson was punched in the temple by a *second grader* in the lunchroom. The student who hurt her was using and showing an electronic device that turned out to be a cell phone to his peers, which was unallowed according to the Reasonable Use contract, and which she could see was distracting her students from their lunches, meaning they would not be able to concentrate later in the day. She approached him and he would not give up the device, so she tried to take it from him. Unbeknownst to her at the time, he had already been sent to the office earlier in the day over his use of the cell phone, but had been returned to class and allowed to keep his phone. Within the next few days after the attack that resulted in her brain damage, former Principal Toni Chapman held a staff meeting where she informed Mrs. Hudson’s colleagues that kids who come from poverty don’t like it when people interfere with their belongings. Later, a consultant was brought in to “train” SLES educators on how to deal with kids who come from poverty. The student who so badly injured Mrs. Hudson never received any consequences, but you already knew that. Even though tragic school shootings, like at Newtown, have occurred at elementary and middle schools around the country, it is usually high schools where shootings happen. Everyone - including you and Daniel D. Curry - knows this, too.

We certainly do not dispute that but for emergencies, students should abide by the Reasonable Use agreements they are required to sign at the beginning of each year. If serial misbehavior and all forms of abuse in CCPS were reasonably addressed across the board, Reasonable Use guidelines would be fairly simple to consistently enforce. If structure and consequence enforcement were consistently addressed according to the Code of Conduct, Mrs. Hudson’s attack likely never would have happened, and everyone (including any children who may come from poverty) would be safe to grow and learn. That has not been the case in CCPS for years.

So many residents in Calvert County possess firearms. We know many people who have small to large arsenals, sometimes including automatic weapons. If someone is intent on obtaining a firearm with the goal of killing people, it may not be hard to accomplish. Not everyone has a healthy respect for nor understanding of firearms and human life. Students across the system are regularly bullied by their peers without redress and Daniel D. Curry years ago, while at the Lake Forest School District in Delaware, wrote in his disturbing and pathetic blog about how bullied kids are more likely to become school shooters. Screenshots of that blog are on www.calvertedudocs.com. If you haven’t read them, you should. There are a lot of other troubling inferences one can draw about him from that blog, as well. It should have been part of the Board’s vetting process to read them when he was first considered for hire.

