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Calvert County Board of Education  
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Dear Calvert County Board of Education Members and SMOB:

We are writing to ask you to eliminate the “anonymous” tip line that has been set up for students and ensure the removal of all references on CCPS social media to it. What happened to the recently advertised ‘Speak Up’ initiative, which as already pointed out to you, received only three mentions on CCPS social media? On May 1, 2018, the day after our daughter, Sarah, was set up *again* and terrorized to force a false confession at Southern Middle School, Daniel D. Curry sent us an email dismissing the requests we set out in a letter we turned in on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We requested three things for Southern: suspension of former Principal Mandy Blackmon, former Vice Principal Travis Mister and former long term substitute Spanish teacher Ashley Adams pending investigation (with or without pay, we didn’t care); a highly qualified, unconflicted, independent educational consultant to evaluate the school on two separate occasions and to provide reports to all staff at SMS; and for Daniel D. Curry, Executive Director of Administration Anthony Navarro, Assistant Superintendent Diane Workman and at least one Board member to attend a series of meetings with Southern educators. Curry’s justification for dismissing our request? HR maintains a hotline for employees, and there are Liaison Committee, Union leadership, and Secondary Teacher Advisory Council meetings. With all the good those have done, who should trust this student tip line? Even under former Superintendent Jack Smith, caring educators experienced frightening, malicious retaliation when they asked for help, no matter through what means. With Daniel D. Curry it has been no different; in fact, things have worsened. Recently we pointed out to you that Daniel D. Curry has tried to transfer blame for the problems in CCPS from educators to students. Neither he, nor the majority of you (Balinski, McGuire, and Phalen) have accepted responsibility for what you have done to them.

Daniel D. Curry does not care about anyone other than himself. He doesn’t want to receive tips to properly address anything; rather, he would exploit anything of which he might learn to encourage and facilitate violence and pain. You know this, and he is a controlling and micromanaging monster. He bragged in one of his blog posts that he pretty much let students do what they wanted when he was a teacher for three years, before becoming a Principal at the age of twenty-four. He has never cared about kids, and has only ever used and exploited them. People like him tend to worsen with age. He is not going to suddenly begin to care at nearly 70 years of age, as his life and career are imploding and the prospect of exposure and criminal

prosecution looms. He is a sadist who thrills to pain, and he knows that after decades of hurting people, his demise is *finally* imminent. He will do his best to control things until the very end. You have known he has invited a shooting through all sorts of means, and issued orders to maximize bloodshed if a shooting were to occur. Get rid of the tip line until CCPS has a Superintendent who cares.

We watched the most recent Board meeting and the Auditor's Report was ALARMING. There were three auditors from Clifton Larson Allen present, alongside CFO Edith Hutchins. Their presentation was little more than a disclaimer acknowledging how insufficient their audits have been. Why aren't there any audits on the CCPS website since 2016? How comprehensive were those audits?

Among the statements:

- Mr. Walker (chief auditor?) indicated his retirement was timely
- Cumulative contracts/leases, such as for "copiers," are apparently a big deal
- Audits were based on "assumptions"
- "4-6 pages" – maybe for the isolated single audit? How is that sufficient?! If that audit pertained only to the \$9.4 million in federal finding CCPS received, what about the other ~\$200-210 million in the budget? To what audit/s were they speaking?
- Mentioned no other auditors were consulted – "would have been incumbent to disclose"
- "All you would have to do is say it wasn't there"
- "didn't discuss any issues prior to engagement"
- Go by standards and do not give an opinion
- "If you didn't put it in the statements it wouldn't change our opinion"
- Mr. Walker/CLA's statements are an "opinion" and "everything else is a representation of {CCPS} management."
- Everything else, for "Edie," "she can answer them"
- "figure you meet the threshold" for the "low-risk" auditee status
- For "high risk" ... "the amount of work goes up exponentially"
- "figured high risk was too negative," therefore, the title for high risk is "other than low risk."
- 20% was the auditing threshold based on "low risk" standards; again, for only a limited amount of CCPS funding?
- "everything else" was in "bucket C" and not audited
- "Looked at Child Nutrition cluster" and "Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Program," but, "doesn't mean we looked at every expenditure in the programs."
- "Sampled...looked at certain items"
- Material weakness – "we're not allowed to say certain things" ... "we found no material weaknesses"
- Looking at "operating statement" ... "general fund" ... "Student Activity Fund."
- Ms. McGuire mentioned specifically the "Student Activity Fund."
- Might put Student Activity Fund into the General Fund, *or* a "Special Revenue Fund."
- Among the general items of note for improvement – staff leaving the system should have their access removed immediately. One individual (he) who resigned in March was still in the system and had access as of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The video of this highly disturbing presentation is at <https://calvertcountyps.new.swagit.com/videos/38567> (Section 2.04).

Someone who was removed from the system *immediately*, and treated like she was a criminal, is former Saint Leonard Elementary second grade master teacher Jennifer Hudson. But, she only ever cared for and protected kids. Her one visit back to the school after the attack which resulted in her brain damage was to vote, and after everything she went through, she was shaken and scared. Recently she received her first disability payment, which is not quite what she used to earn, but which was a very welcome and long overdue surprise for her and her family. Maybe CCPS has finally paid the bill to her neurologist for the records they subpoenaed. Fortunately, she received everything she possibly could at her December 4<sup>th</sup> Worker's Comp hearing, which isn't much, but at least it's something.

Why do you continue to allow such horrible things to happen to caring, capable educators? You have been stalwart in your protection of Sarah's abusers, and knowingly protected pedophile Travis Mister. Ashley Adams still has a job, but at Dowell Elementary. If she bullied and set up middle schoolers like Sarah, what do people think she might do to elementary schoolers who are even more powerless to protect themselves? Former Northern High NJROTC chief Brandon Hartwell applied for another job as an instructor at Huntingtown High, but has not received a call and the position is unfilled. Interestingly, he has a story about sexual harassment of his female cadets by the President of the local Celtic Society, when they were volunteering at the Celtic Festival. After he stood up for his cadets, he relayed the information to his commanding officer, who did nothing. When he learned the harassment went unaddressed, he then reported it to Principal Williams, who reprimanded Chief Hartwell for not reporting the abuse immediately, but did nothing to address the abuse itself. HE followed the Chain of Command, and would be an excellent addition to the Huntingtown High program. We hope CCPS will capitulate and give him the job, after he was falsely accused of illegally accessing a student database. CCPS has a bad habit of smearing the reputations of anyone who would question authority and try to address problems reasonably and honestly.

The next pretrial conference for our MD PIA violations lawsuit is tomorrow, Tuesday, December 17. We want, ideally, ALL of the financial records for which we paid over \$3,000; however, some of them will be very important to receive. We hope we will receive them, and we can prove they exist. We also want all of the emails we should have received, and for which we paid over \$2,000. CCPS' counsel supposedly provided all emails already, but many were missing addresses and bodies, and numerous other emails were excluded entirely. CCPS clearly has a lot to hide and it's time for you to start taking responsibility before any more people are hurt. That said, the majority of you still don't accept responsibility, and Mrs. McGuire and Balinski demonstrated that again at the end of the meeting. How dare Tracy McGuire speak as if Reasonable Use device guidelines and technology advancements are the problem, as opposed to educators and administrators not being allowed by Daniel D. Curry to enforce policy which exists? Dawn Balinski, how dare you lay any responsibility on the CEA and speak as if they can control things which are yours to address? What power does the CEA have? That must be why they have consistently unenforced contracts. It's not because the majority of educators aren't keeping up their end of the deal; rather, CCPS does not. Proud of your financial transparency?! That must be why we paid over \$3,000 for financial records, many of which we did not receive,

and why we are suing to finally receive them. That must be why even though so many of the records could have been produced in only a minute or two and sent to a printer or flash drive, CCPS claimed all records had to be obtained from a remote storage facility and documents copied, in violation of Retention Policy. That must be why Audits have not been posted on the CCPS website since 2016. That must be why we possess employee ID numbers, Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, personal checking account numbers, credit card numbers with expiration dates and codes, cell phone numbers, home addresses, etc.. Daniel D. Curry had several members of staff, including CFO Edith Hutchins, *lie* in affidavits to the MD AG's PIA Compliance Board, claiming they spent numerous hours redacting the documents we did receive. Proud?! You should be thoroughly ashamed, and every employee who had any information compromised should have been informed by CCPS. Were they? Among the missing records for which we are suing – all general fund ledgers, any ledgers for unrestricted accounts for Daniel Curry and/or executive staff held separately from the general fund, requests and approvals for Intra and Inter transfers, vendor lists and vendor balance reports. It is time to stop burying your heads in the sand and do the right thing. The majority of you have helped run CCPS, and so many people's lives, into the ground, and you have *no* reason to be proud of anything.

With fear and disgust,



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Cc: Mr. Thomas Hutchins, President, Calvert County Commission  
Mr. Earl Hance, Calvert County Commissioner  
Mr. Mike Hart, Calvert County Commissioner  
Mr. Kelly McConkey, Calvert County Commissioner, and not complicit former CCPS Board member  
Mr. Steve Weems, Calvert County Commissioner  
Dr. Susan Johnson, Director of Secondary School Improvement  
Ms. Kim Roof, Director of Student Services  
Ms. Karen Maxey, Assistant to the Board  
Ms. Diane Workman, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Anthony Navarro, Executive Director of Administration  
Soon-to-be former, predatory and sadistic Superintendent Daniel D. Curry