



**Citizens' Advisory Committee
January 8, 2024**

Introductions/Purpose

- To advise the Board and to facilitate its activities and programs in the public schools
- To advise the Board in the formulation and review of general policy and procedures for the operation of the public schools

FY 25 Budget Overview

Dr. Einhorn shared highlights of the FY 25 budget request that will be discussed at the Board meeting. This included a highlight of the requested position. CAC members expressed the importance of clarifying new positions from those that require maintaining from grants that are expiring. Dr. Einhorn shared the funding by category outlined in the Blueprint, presented previously to the Board as the “layer cake” approach. Members discussed the possible impact on schools. This included a discussion of how the Blueprint encourages new thinking and ways of doing differently to focus on meeting student learning needs. Committee members elevated the importance of support staff salaries in the budget process.

January Board Item Review

The committee reviewed the draft 2024-2025 calendar to be presented to the Board on first reader. The committee endorsed the calendar for first reader.

School Report Cards (Star Ratings)

Dr. Einhorn shared with the committee the star rating calculations recently published. This included a discussion of how chronic absenteeism and growth impacted ratings.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **March 4, 2024** at the Talbot County Education Center.