

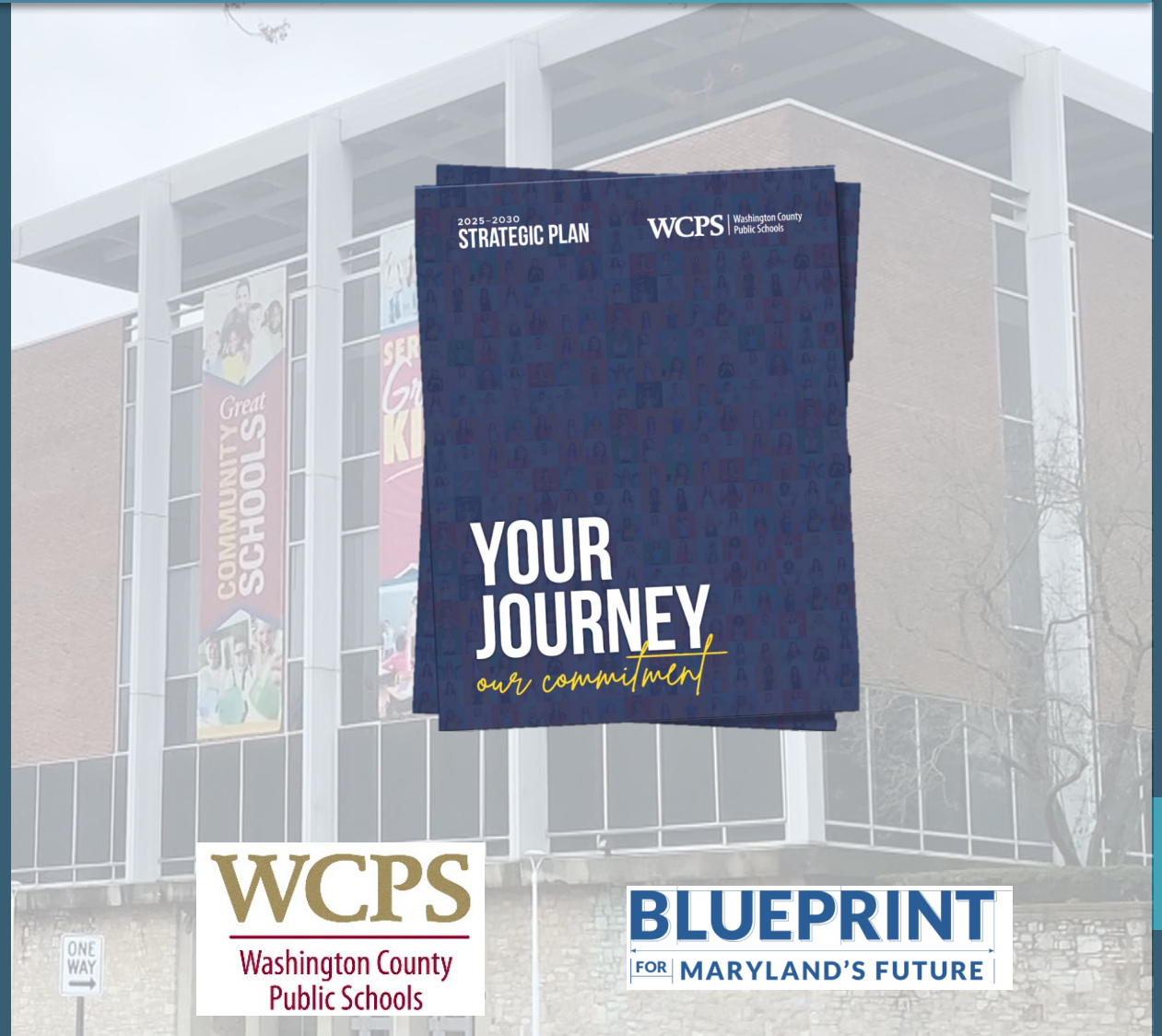


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## WCPS's New Strategic Plan "Your Journey, Our Commitment"

*Guest Speaker:  
Dr. David Sovine,  
Superintendent of WCPS*





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# Welcome

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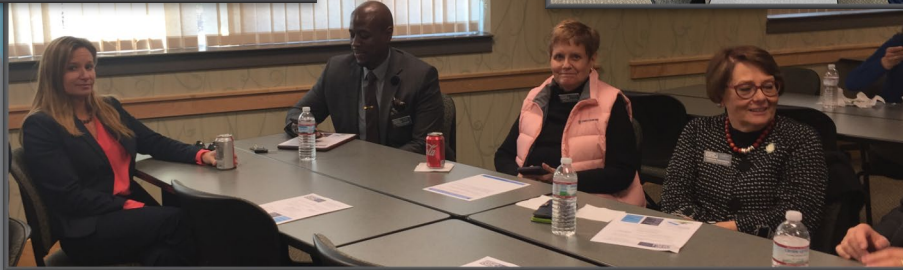


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# Happy Retirement Mary Anne Burke



Thank you for your service to  
our community as Executive  
Director of the Washington  
County Arts Council



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# Please Welcome Our Newest GHC Members



**Nicole Houser**

*Family Healthcare of Hagerstown*

*CEO*

201 S. Cleveland Ave  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
(301) 745-3777



**Keith Stewart**

*Kinsley Construction, LLC*

*Building Vice President*

18642 Crestwood Drive  
Hagerstown, MD 21742



**Jason Cook**

*(Keith Stewart Delegate)*

*Kinsley Construction, LLC*

*Site Vice President*

18642 Crestwood Drive  
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# Please Welcome Prospective Members



**Joseph Trace**

***GDC IT Solutions***

*Business Development Manager*

1144 Kennebec Drive  
Chambersburg, PA 17201



**Nicole Abuhameda**

***Washington County Arts Council***

*New Executive Director*

34 South Potomac Street, Suite 100  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

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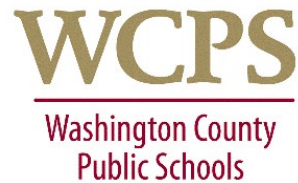
**Superintendent**

Washington County Public Schools

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YOUR JOURNEY

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# MAPPING *our* FUTURE



**APRIL – MAY**

The process began with engaging the community through forums, surveys, and focus groups to gather input from parents, students, WCPS staff, and community partners.





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COMMUNITY FORUM – April 2024



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FOCUS GROUPS – April 2024



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DESIGN TEAM – May 2024



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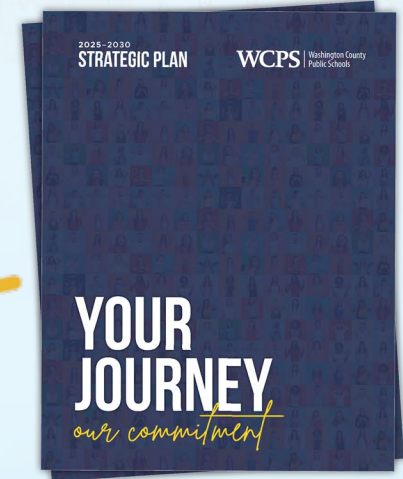
This input served as the foundation for the strategic plan. The Design Team used the feedback to identify key priorities and goals.

This process also involved reviewing current initiatives and aligning with the *Blueprint for Maryland's Future*.



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**JULY**

The Board of Education approved and launched our new strategic plan, ***Your Journey, Our Commitment.***

This plan will serve as the district's guiding framework from 2025–2030.

2025-2030

## STRATEGIC PLAN

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**YOUR  
JOURNEY**  
*our commitment*

### VISION

Cultivating learning communities  
that spark curiosity, ignite creativity,  
and inspire success.

### MISSION

WCPS educates and empowers  
each student to achieve independence  
and contribute to a diverse and  
evolving society.



2025-2030

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## CORE VALUES

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THESE CORE VALUES ARE WHAT GUIDE OUR ACTIONS

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## — PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

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## PRIORITIES & GOALS

PRIORITY AREA	GOAL
<b>STUDENT SUCCESS</b>	WCPS will engage each student in authentic, rigorous learning experiences to prepare them with the skills, knowledge, and habits to maximize student success.
<b>ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITIES</b>	WCPS will identify and address barriers that impact student learning and success.
<b>CULTURE, SAFETY, AND WELLNESS</b>	WCPS will create a safe, engaging, and supportive learning environment for each student and staff member.
<b>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</b>	WCPS will partner with caregivers and the community to develop strong and meaningful connections, creating opportunities for each stakeholder to feel valued, heard, and be actively engaged in support of student success.

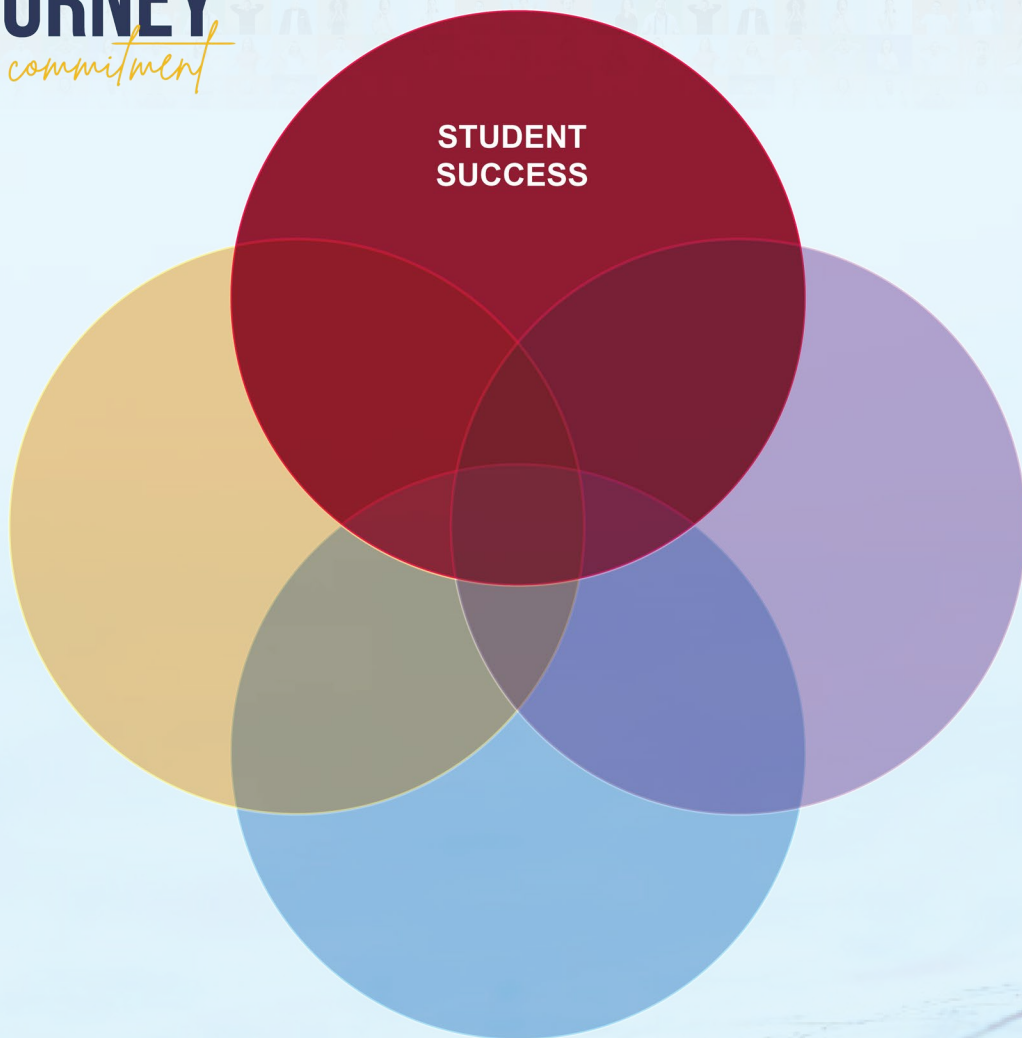


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# Executive Director's Report

GHC Forums & Committees  
(see meeting packet for status updates)



## GHC Forum & Committee Chairs:

- **Alan Mullendore – Education Forum**
  - Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every other month, GHC Office w/ Zoom option
  - Next meeting: Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – Hybrid
- **Michael Weiss – Membership Comm.**
  - Meets as needed
  - Next meeting: TBD at 8:00 a.m. – ZOOM



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- **Brad Fulton – Transportation Forum**

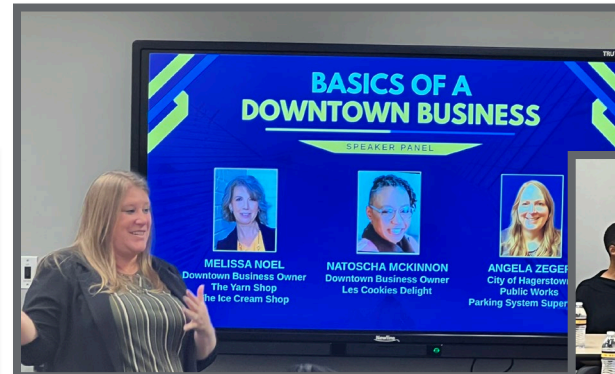
- *Usually* Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month or as needed, GHC Office or Zoom
- Next meeting: Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – Hybrid **(tentative)**

- **Scott Bowen – Vision Forum**

- Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, GHC Office or ZOOM
- Next meeting: Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – Hybrid
- Topic: TBD

# GHC Forum & Committee Chairs

- **Julie Rohm - Downtown Enhancement Committee**
  - Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month, GHC Office or Zoom
  - Next meeting: Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – Hybrid
  - Topic: Committee will hold its second session of the series Downtown Hagerstown Business Blueprint – Finding a Location Seminar at USMH





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# Announcements and Upcoming GHC Events

## Upcoming Events:

# Next GHC Monthly Meeting:

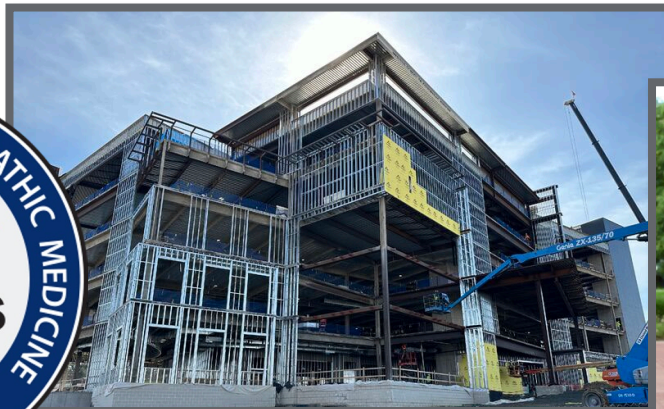
Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.



Hard Hat Tour of

Meritus Medical School of Osteopathic Medicine

*Topic: Tour of New MSOM Facility and an update from the College*





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## Upcoming Social Event:

# Mummers Parade Party hosted by BFM Architects

**Saturday, October 26th, 2024**

**(Rain or Shine)**



**Doors Open at 4:30p.m. and Parade begins at 6:00pm**

**BFM Architects: 473 N Potomac St, Hagerstown, MD 21740**

**Families are Welcome**

**Refreshments will be set up inside the BFM office**

**RSVP by Emailing Erin at [GHCAdmin@greaterhagerstown.com](mailto:GHCAdmin@greaterhagerstown.com) with your plans to attend and number of guests you're bringing**

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# Special November Event:

# Elected Officials Reception

# Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

# Bulls & Bears Potomac Walk - 38 S. Potomac St.





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## Special November Event:

# Annual State Delegation Luncheon

Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

HCC's Career Programs Building Rooms TBD





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## Special December Event:

# ★GHC's Annual Holiday Party★

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
Bowman Family Milestone Barn  
5:30pm – 8:30pm

Invitations will be mailed out  
beginning of October

SAVE THE  
DATE  
12/04/24





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## GHC Prospective Members

**Do you know someone who would be a  
valuable addition to GHC?**

Contact Membership Committee Chair  
Michael Weiss at [mweiss6252@gmail.com](mailto:mweiss6252@gmail.com)



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Please provide contact information for two or more people that would be a valuable addition to GHC.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Best way to contact YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Adjourned

