

Ordinance No. 06-22

ORDINANCE: To establish an Education Commission in the City of Rockville and to provide for its membership, duties, and scope of work

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to create an Education Commission to offer the community at large an opportunity to engage in supporting the education of all City of Rockville students whether they are in public, private, parochial schools, are home schooled, or at Montgomery College. Such educational opportunities can include after school activities offered by the City of Rockville, MCPS or other affiliates.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to strengthen efforts to help proactively engage school communities and identify issues that impact the Rockville Community's education and leadership opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to receive input to support collaboration on the City of Rockville's initiatives,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, that there is a need to maintain a collaborative relationship among the Board of Education, Montgomery County Public Schools, private and non-profit schools, Montgomery College, PTSA's and PTSA cluster leaders, private and non-profit school boards, home-school communities, and providers of early childcare and education programs in our community and the City of Rockville, and we hereby create an Education Commission with the following membership and duties:

1. Definitions:

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following words and phrases are defined as follows:

- a. Rockville student: Any student who either (i) resides in the City of Rockville, or (ii) attends a school or program physically within the corporate boundaries of the City of Rockville.
- b. Rockville parent/guardian: Any parent or guardian of a Rockville Student.
- c. Rockville education professional: Any education professional, such as teacher, counselor, specialist, school administrator, or school nursing professional, engaged with a Rockville student, or any such retired professional
- d. Rockville education enrichment/support professional: any provider of services for Rockville students who enriches their readiness to learn.
- e. City of Rockville school: Any school that educates a Rockville student.

f. Rockville school leader: PTA, PTSA cluster leaders or those in a leadership position; private and non-profit school boards; and those in a leadership position in the home school communities and early childcare and education programs.

2. Membership

a. The Education Commission shall consist of up to eleven members, who represent the categories above and include individual diversity (age, sex, gender, race, nationality, languages, disability, and socio-economic status), as well as diversity of schools within the City, to reflect an inclusive group representative of the Rockville community and neighborhoods.

Members shall include

- i. 7 Rockville parents/guardians and leaders (i.e. of PTSA, Board, home-school community group)
 - 4 public
 - 3 private/parochial/home-school
- ii. 3 Rockville education professionals from public, private, parochial and/or home-school communities
- iii. 1 student from any of the above communities

In the event that a category cannot be filled as specified, the Mayor and Council may fill at their discretion.

b. Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. The terms of appointment of members shall be for one or two-years. Student members shall be appointed for one year, all others for 2 years. The first appointment of the Education Commission will be by joint agreement of the Mayor and Council. The first joint appointment of the Education Commission shall give half the adult members a one-year and the other half a two-year term. All subsequent appointments or reappointments of adult members shall be for 2 years.

c. The Commission will receive a staff liaison and a Mayor and Council liaison to provide updates on City issues.

3. Meetings

a. The Commission shall meet a minimum of nine times a year and make notice to the public.

b. Commission meetings shall be open to the public.

c. The Commission may have working groups when called upon by the members or the Chair of the Commission.

d. Staff support to the Commission may be provided by a City of Rockville department, including scheduling, attending meetings, preparing agenda packets, posting of agendas and minutes to the website, mail handling, and copying services.

e. All Commission minutes and reports shall be made available to the public. Commission agendas, minutes and reports must be accepted and approved by the Commission prior to release. All commission meetings must comply with the Open Meetings Act.

4. Duties of Commission

- a. Develop guidelines and procedures for Commission meetings.
- b. Advise the Mayor and Council:
 - i. Advocate and collaborate to help support positive community environment for all Rockville students.
 - ii. Provide an Annual Report of Commission activities to the Mayor and Council.
- c. The Commission may consider the following activities and duties:
 - i. Develop and create avenues to help engage school communities in City of Rockville initiatives.
 - ii. Organize and conduct public forums on City of Rockville education issues.
 - iii. Review issues involving long-range facilities, equity, and positive school environment, excluding school boundary issues and curriculum.
 - iv. Support and inform the Mayor and Council advocacy on issues that impact student learning, such as capacity and resources.
 - v. Support communications and collaborations with school communities and enrichment programs on education support and enrichment programs and, *pursue* ways to help school leaders and educators and parents and students get involved.
 - vi. Advise the City on ways to support school events, initiatives, and advocacy needs.
 - vii. Seek input and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council on City Capital and Operating Budgets dealing with programs, services, safety, equity, capacity and activities.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of April 18, 2022



Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations