

Oakland Mills Community Association
Education Committee

The Education Committee will advocate for and assist our schools to ensure students attending schools in the Oakland Mills Cluster¹ have top-quality educational opportunities in diverse, enriching settings.

The Committee's objectives are:

- Discuss and highlight the positive events and accomplishments at each school in the Oakland Mills Cluster to enhance the schools' reputations and encourage families to spend their children's academic careers in Oakland Mills.
- Engage support organizations and groups at each school in the Oakland Mills Cluster to partner with the Oakland Mills Community Association for educational advocacy.
- Discuss with support organizations and school administrators whether schools need OMCA advocacy for additional funding or special project assistance.
- Advocate for equity in school operational funding and programming to close the achievement gap, including ensuring Oakland Mills schools have appropriate class sizes, highly qualified teachers, and innovative programs to address the needs of our diverse population.
- Advocate for equity in capital planning and funding to ensure facilities' capacities are utilized and existing facilities infrastructure and deferred maintenance needs are addressed.
- Advocate for a county policy to prohibit any redistricting that would create a Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS) rate outside a range of two-thirds to one-and-a-half times the county-wide average for the level of school (elementary, middle, or high) considered for redistricting.
- Advocate for a comprehensive housing plan for Howard County that features coordination among the County Council, county departments (and commissions) and the Howard County Public School System/Board of Education to ensure equity in opportunity for children in Howard County.

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¹ Oakland Mills High School, Oakland Mills Middle School, Stevens Forest Elementary School, Talbott Springs Elementary School, Thunder Hill Elementary School