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Dear Calvert County Board of Education Members:

We are writing to implore you to give up the sham of an abuse coverup in which you have been participating for over a year and a half. People are still regularly being hurt in CCPS due to the majority of you and your inaction, selfishness, arrogance and dishonesty. There is a lot to cover and this will be somewhat scattershot. There is no reason we or anyone other than yourselves, and, of course, Daniel D. Curry, should be responsible for providing the truth, but the majority of you have steadfastly dug in your heels because you hope there is some way to protect yourselves, at the expense of those you were elected to represent. You have betrayed your community and the longer you wait the worse it will be. Even for people motivated only by their own selfishness it should be clear it is time to give it up.

At the last Board meeting recent Board President Tracy McGuire was not in attendance. After her manic behavior at the Board meeting the day after the first pretrial conference for our MD PIA lawsuit, where CCPS' lawyers proffered that emails had indeed been withheld, and then which later were not properly provided as guaranteed, she left partway through, and current Board President Dawn Balinski announced Ms. McGuire would not be running for a fourth term due to *term limits*, which do not exist. Her demeanor at the next Board meeting was little different, with her speaking about her introversion and prattling on about voting rights. Maybe it has been a problem, but we are not aware of violation of anyone's voting rights in Calvert County; however, countless people's oft-violated right to a safe and supportive educational environment has *long* been a problem. At the most recent, November 21st meeting McGuire was not in attendance, and she instead went to dinner at a local restaurant. On November 20th we sent to the Board, Executive Staff, National Superintendent's Association and County Commissioners a letter, which curiously bounced back from all the people in CCPS to whom we sent it. It is on www.calvertedudocs.com. Of note, Tracy McGuire's started bouncing back almost immediately, whereas everyone else's took days. Is she gone? Will the Commission be appointing a new member to replace her? If so, maybe Bill Phalen and Dawn Balinski can hurry up and leave too, which could simplify and combine the appointment process, even if Phalen is so early into his umpteenth term that a special election would be required for his seat. Why did

the letters we sent only bounce back from the CCPS addressees to whom we sent the letter? Did Daniel D. Curry have emails blocked coming from any of our email addresses, or was this a technical fluke? If he did, it is one more indication of his desperation to make us go away. Does he really think we won't find a way around? If he did have us blocked, do any of you have a problem with him again interfering with communications intended for you, like all the other things he has hidden and about which he has lied? Whether or not any of you wish to receive them, it is our right to send them and you can choose not to read or acknowledge them. We haven't parked in front of any of your homes or violated any of your rights, let alone blown up any of your phones for weeks on end like Travis Mister did mine, but you have known about those things and so many more happening to us. We are setting up a new email address from which to send, and if this letter bounces back will begin hand delivering letters to the Central Office, where we will sign in and out, no matter if we are instructed not to sign in or if the system has been manipulated not to recognize us, as have on different occasions happened. We can always bring our own logs to fill out and photograph on premises. There is no reason to waste money on postage or time filling slips at the post office, as Daniel D. Curry was desperate to hide our original ten certified-return-receipt complaints, we never received any of the receipts in the mail and we suspect you never received the hardcopies. He is petty and manipulative, and those are some of the many stupid, pathetic roadblocks he has tried to throw out for us. One must ask, if he has spent so much time trying to stop us and who knows how many other people, not to mention all the other ways he plots and schemes, how has he done his job? Maybe it's because he never has and only used you and everyone else for other goals.

We know what Daniel D. Curry's motives for the pain and difficulty in CCPS have been, and CCPS cannot be the first district where he has hurt people. His strategy is simple. Patronize, flatter and lie to enough of the right people, including any easily-snowed, self-important elected officials responsible for keeping him around, and do whatever he wants to anyone else. We believe pedophilia and sadism, in order, are his two chief goals, and that each of those feeds and grows the other. What sort of person tells an educator who was a victim of a traumatizing, violent, sexually motivated assault by a student, "I guess he fell in love with you," and smugly chuckles, other than someone who thinks sexual abuse is acceptable and even exciting? Who allows that student back to school the next day and knows administrators tried to keep that educator from speaking with law enforcement? That boy later raped another person. Maybe he wouldn't have if the educator's assault had been addressed. What sort of person knows about a high school girl being terrified of a boy against whom she has/d a protective order, but when her parent/s requested his transfer for her safety, say "Not going to happen."? He sent that one to you in his Board notes. Who would send their wife to work at the most violent and dangerous elementary school (Patuxent Appeal) in the County, knowing she easily could be assaulted? It has struck us as odd that Jacqueline Wisnauskas has never been photographed in the paper with Daniel D. Curry or identified on his social media, and that he mentioned her name only very recently, after we had long been putting it out there. What sort of "man" treats his wife like some weaselly coward would an unpopular girlfriend he hides in the closet? Another teacher got a concussion and black eyes down there a couple of weeks ago. Will that teacher be treated at all like Jennifer Hudson has been? How does he know Ms. Wisnauskas is protected from the chaos and abuse that plagues students and her colleagues at PAC? Is she being used? Daniel D. Curry

frequently exploits educational strategies and devices intended to facilitate learning to instead hurt people. We do not know her, and she may be very bright and caring, but question whether she might be easily manipulated due to her Asperger's Syndrome. It is interesting that Daniel D. Curry, his first wife, and his then At-Risk Youth Director Ms. Wisnauskas all appear to have left their jobs and Delaware around the same time. As their last names are different, why was she never mentioned in the personnel reports attached to Board agendas when she was hired? Just as over the years more and more items have been placed on the Consent Agenda for you to cumulatively rubberstamp, Curry has shown a pattern of making sure certain people are not mentioned in those reports.

Someone else who was never mentioned in personnel reports when *promoted to* Vice Principal at Southern Middle School for the '14-'15 school year, right after Curry arrived in June of '14, is Travis Mister. Before that he was an elementary school gym teacher. Had something already happened which informed Curry of Mister's predilections prior to the move? We don't know, but speculate as to what Curry knew. After Daniel D. Curry informed us that all policy and laws had been followed and Mister would be staying at Southern, why was he then quietly transferred to Plum Point, which is the other Behavioral Development Program middle school in the County? How could you have allowed that, *knowing* what you *knew*? Again, no mention in the personnel reports attached to agendas. We heard Mister terrorized people at Plum Point, just like he did his colleagues and students at Southern. We hope nothing worse happened last year at Plum Point, as did at Southern Middle. And again, he was quietly and unceremoniously transferred to the Career Technology Academy at Calvert High, never to be mentioned in personnel reports. At least there are likely to be few, if any, small, slight, prepubescent boys at the CTA. Should that make us - or anyone else - feel better? Does it bother you he was telling people he moved on from Southern because he was too good for it, despite the pain and difficulty he caused so many? What efforts have been made to identify any and all potential victims and protect the community as a whole? At what point should you have started wondering if there is some sort of pedophilic organization or even ring in CCPS? How long has this been going on, and, being new to Maryland, how was Curry able to set up so much during his comparatively brief tenure in CCPS? Did someone help him when he arrived? Although not an excuse for the majority of you, how many people may have been unwitting helpers? What are the signs fellow pedophiles look for to identify each other and network? Some can be overgrown jocks trying to relive high school glory days. Others can be brazen and incessantly hint-dropping weirdos who make nearly everyone squirm with discomfort, or anywhere in between. What other possibilities are there which cannot be discounted and merit full investigation?

Everyone knows pedophiles often pursue professions and activities where children within their target ranges might be. These include schools, day cares, medicine, sports and coaching, religious organizations, etc.. Every decent educator (and *decent* Board member) knows they must do their best to identify and guard against pedophiles who may infiltrate. Anyone with half a brain knows that if sexual abuse of children occurs in one of those areas, it could easily also have occurred or might occur in others, and that whomever identifies abuse in any one is obligated to expose it to protect children everywhere. But that has not been true of CCPS. Even if pedophilia were not a problem, why wasn't there a problem with Travis Mister terrorizing his

colleagues and students? While initially and outwardly *very* charismatic, it should not be easy to dismiss when he flails his arms, thrashes his body and even runs away when he sees certain people, receives basic comments or is asked simple questions; stiffens, about-faces and stares at walls; interrogates, mocks and insults students like our son, Michael, when he documented sexual harassment of a female classmate; viciously threatens eight to ten innocent twelve-to-thirteen-year-old kids with digging into theirs and their family backgrounds, and so on. All those kids he set up to ingratiate himself with another boy were the sort who, like Sarah, had no disciplinary records and were terrified of consequences for bullying a boy who was actually disturbing and/or terrorizing them. Kids like that and at that age don't even have *backgrounds*! We could not understand the motives at the time, but now we know, and we have been trying for so long to tell you we know so you will do the right thing, because we are scared of how long it will take our suits to force it otherwise. That boy, already with serious behavioral issues and needs - meaning people would not be inclined to listen to or believe him - was being manipulated and encouraged to further misbehave so he would be an easier and more isolated target for abuse. He would believe he was being targeted by Sarah and the other kids and that he had to rely on Travis Mister for protection. Daniel D. Curry recognized our complaint as symptomatic of Travis Mister's abuse, and he had a vested, knowing interest in protecting Travis Mister. Our complaint scared Curry so much he immediately afterward issued orders to keep people locked inside middle and high schools, to coincide with the anniversary of the Columbine shooting. He was looking for a dramatic and vengeful distraction, with knowledge that shootings often occur on anniversaries of others, and that his orders for everyone to stay inside at all costs would maximize bloodshed if a shooting were to occur.

Aside from enjoying the Superintendent's protection, unlike all the decent educators in CCPS, something else that made Southern Middle easier hunting grounds for Travis Mister stems from how it has long been used as a dumping ground for some of the worst educators in the system. Why? Southern Middle has more kids coming from socioeconomically disadvantaged homes than other middle schools in the County, which CCPS has acknowledged at various points. Why then, did it also simultaneously house CCPS's middle school Alternative Education Program and a Behavioral Development Program, which Curry established there not long after his arrival? CCPS figured they could get away with doing it in an area where families are more likely to be stretched thin and without the voices and resources to demand and ensure better. That is not to say there are not many good educators at Southern, who either were put there to keep them down, or who were sent there by way of retaliation. We do not know how these educators have been able to sustain in such an environment, and would never fault any of them for becoming detached and defeated with what they face. But there are far more "doozies" there than the typical couple or few one might find at many other schools, and where they normally would not get away with too much because they would be surrounded by many caring and competent colleagues. So, Southern Middle has been a perfect storm of abuse against both educators and students for a long time, which made possible and amplified Sarah's abuse and still follows her and her family.

Aside from Travis Mister, there are a lot of educators at Southern who behave like emotionally crippled, vicious mean girls. After Sarah was set up and we had told her to document what was

going on at Southern, and which we explained to former Principal Mandy Blackmon and Travis Mister was directed by us, there was a malicious campaign of gossip and ostracism waged against Sarah by many educators, which they knew could drive her to a breakdown or suicide. While we hope some of the educators who participated were simply so desperate and shell-shocked they felt they had no choice, many were *eager* to do what they could to hurt her. These are the same pieces of garbage who have been spreading horrible, patently false rumors about us to anyone who will listen. Many people have bought into these, and everywhere we go we take for granted we will probably run into people who will treat us with contempt or even like they want to hurt us. The people who started all of these false rumors about us are the same people who know if their abuse is exposed by our suits pedophilic abuse will also be exposed, and potentially numerous victims will receive the acknowledgement and help they need. But, because they were and are so selfish in motivation, they continue to put themselves ahead of the kids they have been charged with protecting.

Only one of so many instances of this occurred at the November 21st meeting, when Southern Middle teacher Laura Birchfield, who was not even at Southern when Sarah was there, was directing condescending and malicious smirks at us, and particularly me, Katy. She does not know me, and we have never met. Maybe she, like her husband, already had a problem with John due to a Cub Scout situation which occurred a few years ago in a local Pack where prior leadership at one point was stellar, but as new leadership came in gradually deteriorated to the point John and another leader finally felt it necessary to approach higher leadership with a complaint that included the following: a police report detailing a three-hour-long armed standoff where the Cubmaster tried to drive away with a gun and a small arsenal was confiscated from his home (he retrieved it a couple of months later); a Nixle alert where another leader was feared suicidal and located running naked in the woods; proof of a prior child abuse conviction for that same leader and certainty that his background check had repeatedly been hidden because it was known he would never pass; pictures on a Cub Scout's iPad of a lewd half-naked pseudo-lesbian show some of the moms put on for some of the dads at a campout where John's Den and the other complaining dad's Den were not invited; text messages including from another leader/CCPS educator advising John that a coverup was in order, etc.. John and the other leader's complaints never went anywhere, although they should have, but at least they tried. We heard about Laura Birchfield's husband trashing John and the other dad to anyone who would listen for over a year after they tried to stand up for the Scouts and against nearly all of the other leaders who, among other things, accused them of being "traitors." It was clear Ms. Birchfield is familiar with and part of the rumor campaign out of Southern that continues to impact all of us, and must know what Travis Mister did during his tenure at Southern. Yet she was there to receive an "Employee of the Month" award. How can she know what happened to Sarah and God knows how many other kids and in any way facilitate continuing abuse? Dawn Balinski, with her imperious and condescending, flat affect, accuses me of making personal attacks? We're telling the truth, but continue to be subject to baseless personal attacks stemming from people at Southern Middle School. Just as Ms. Birchfield was pathetically gossiping to her small daughter and encouraging her to give me haughty and nasty looks, so many adults at Southern used *students* to hurt Sarah. How can you live with yourselves, knowing what Sarah has been through? Anyone who might suggest we would do her a better service by not addressing what

happened and letting it go is lacking in conscience and/or may not consider that at least some of these educators quite possibly have done and will again do the same thing to other kids. Some of them showed they were quite practiced, and we strongly suspect Sarah is not the only one. They never thought any students or parents would have the temerity or ability to break through their abuse, and they are scared and lashing out. They should be scared and we will do what we can to ensure those who deserve it lose their jobs and certifications/licenses, and anything else which might be warranted. If anyone (except for people we know value money more than what is right) suspects their child may have been through anything similar, we will be happy to provide them everything we can to help them, and we will also be eager to provide whatever we can to *any* current or former educator who deserves and needs it.

Meanwhile, Dawn Balinski and Bill Phalen *again* acted like much of what they heard from teachers was a complete surprise. We were gratified to again see so many there and hear what they had to say. One spoke about how she hopes people will sue CCPS to affect change, and the possibility of bankruptcy. It was an absolutely sickening feeling to see how Daniel D. Curry burst into hearty laughter at the suggestion of bankruptcy, and serious indication she may not be far off. This is a “man” who sits and stares blankly, coldly, and defiantly at nearly every criticism, and refused to close, even widening, his eyes when a teacher pleaded with all of you and him to try to imagine what people are going through. We don’t know if bankruptcy is an option, or possibly something like a takeover/receivership, etc., but the teacher who said it was not wrong that your and Daniel D. Curry’s abuse and mismanagement have had and will have a bankrupting effect on the system. Part of our PIA lawsuit is to obtain financial records including, among other things, payments to vendors and transfers within CCPS and to the County Commission. Daniel D. Curry says they do not exist but we can prove they do, and we paid over \$3,000 for them. He is the same person who, as President of the MD Superintendent’s Association, stated in a legislative policy position that problems are usually solved to the satisfaction of all parties. With how CCPS has been run for so long, it seems likely CCPS may have paid out many, many settlements in exchange for NDAs. Will our financial records reveal anything like that when we *finally* receive them? If CCPS plays half the shell games with finances as they do with people’s lives, it’s practically guaranteed there has been malfeasance which will horrify the taxpayers when made known. One thing we fear is the pension plan may not be properly funded, and question if that is why decent and caring educators are terminated, even for “incompetence,” sometimes when they are so close to earning their well-deserved pensions.

In the event the pension plan is less than fully funded, here’s an idea. Instead of sticking it to all the good educators in the system and compromising their retirements, get rid of Sarah’s abusers, and any others who were prepared to hurt our sons because they could not get to us and it was no longer possible to get to Sarah. That would help, and their continued existence in CCPS invites continued liability, meaning their termination could save even more money down the road. Former Saint Leonard Elementary 2nd grade teacher Jennifer Hudson, who now has permanent brain damage due to being forced back to work against doctors’ orders, and who was subsequently actually *tortured* by Daniel D. Curry up at the Central Office, is one example of an educator who lost her job right before she would have earned retirement. Although she was

suddenly granted disability retirement almost 120 days ago, after she and many of her supporters attended an August 8th Board meeting, she has still not received any payments, including a buyback for sick leave she is owed, and CCPS refuses to provide insurance which will cover medical treatment; rather, only prescriptions. How can she obtain prescriptions if she cannot see providers? Why does her pharmacist tell her she is the *only* customer he has on Worker's Comp for whom he has to call for approval every. single. time. she needs to pick up a prescription, only to now be denied the medicine on which she depends? Why is CCPS refusing to pay the bill to her doctor for records *CCPS* subpoenaed, after she had already willingly provided *all* her medical records? Her next hearing is tomorrow, Wed., December 4th, and we hope she will finally receive every single benefit she possibly can from that hearing, even though it will not make her whole and does not sound like it will provide her anything close to what she really deserves. How can you let Daniel D. Curry continue to do this to one of the very best elementary-level STEM teachers the County had? Since there is such a shortage of STEM teachers, isn't it counterintuitive he (and Bill Phalen) would continually attribute a lack of teaching talent only to statewide problems, but that he would have made it impossible for her to teach, which is what she most wants, but cannot do?

There are so many issues which must be addressed to make CCPS what it used to be before Jack Smith and Daniel D. Curry started to destroy the system. But, things like proper structure and consequence enforcement, sufficient mental health support, consistent compliance with guaranteed pay increases, proper lesson planning and support, reasonable class sizes and so much more will never be appropriately addressed and provided until the deeper motives which have eroded those are first dealt with. There is no decent way around the truth, and its exposure is guaranteed to have a devastating impact on the system. While in no way representative of Calvert County or the majority of CCPS educators as a whole, the system and its reputation will suffer, and it will take infinitely better leadership than the majority of yours to help correct things and show people they can trust CCPS again. The longer you keep up this, the worse the consequences will become. It's over, and people need help *now*. We have no idea how you can live with yourselves knowing the prospect of a shooting grows more and more imminent, and that all reasonable efforts have not been made to identify and help all potential victims of sexual abuse and ensure new victims are not created. Maybe you don't lose sleep over those or other things, but we do, and no, Dawn Balinski, it's not "healthy." So far, and because three of you have been in on this coverup for over a year and a half, we believe you may have only lost sleep trying to protect yourselves.

It seems likely Assistant Superintendent Diane Workman will be the Interim Superintendent after Curry's long overdue departure. Do not allow him to take ANYTHING with him. However, it is our sincere hope, and what we will try to influence, to ensure that the next CCPS Superintendent comes from elsewhere within CCPS' ranks, and is supported by caring and skilled educators, just like Nancy Highsmith was. It is the TEACHERS who deserve to have the biggest voice, and they know what this system needs. As stated in a letter we sent you exactly one year from this next closed-door meeting (which we have not been able to find advertised anywhere except on CCPS media), we believe there must be at least a few candidates who would

do an excellent job restoring CCPS as rapidly as possible to what it used to be, and, because of so many who care still within the system, can be again.

Rhetorical question – how many CCPS educators would it take to file a class action lawsuit? We’re sure you already know, but the answer is three.

This is a selfie Daniel D. Curry has long had prominently displayed across the top of his social media pages, from one of the *very* few visits he ever made to Southern Middle School, taken during his first school year (2014-2015) in Calvert County. That was five years ago.



With full resolve,

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Soon-to-be former, predatory and sadistic Superintendent Daniel D. Curry