

# Anne Arundel County Public Schools Mental Health Task Force

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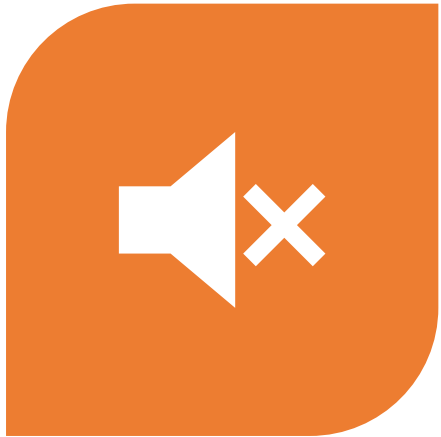
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# Reminders For the Meeting



**MUTE YOUR MICROPHONE**



**USE THE CHAT TO COMMENT  
OR ASK QUESTIONS**



**ADD YOUR NAME TO THE  
SIGN-IN SHEET IN THE CHAT**

# Task Force Expectations

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Learn

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Lean In

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Bring Ideas

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Share Knowledge

# Recap of the Mental Health Task Force

*This is what was supposed to happen*

Examine the contributing factor and establish where the gaps exist.

Provide recommendations around the contributing factor that will support children, families, and the community.

Nov. 2019 – Jan. 2020

Jan.–Mar. 2020

Mar.–May 2020

May 2020

Research best practices around this contributing factor.

The Co-Chairs will develop an action plan based on the work of the subcommittees to be presented to the Board of Education.

# Recap of the Mental Health Task Force

## *This is what happened instead*

Introduced the task force and determined the contributing factors that have led to the increase in mental health concerns for children and adolescents.

The subcommittees were developed and researched best practices around the contributing factors.

George Floyd was killed and social unrest occurred throughout the country.

The co-chairs of the task force and subcommittee leaders met to discuss the impact of the pandemic and social unrest on mental health.

The co-chairs will present the final report and recommendations to the Board of Education, Superintendent, and County Executive.

Sept. —Nov.  
2019

Nov. 2019 –  
Jan. 2020

Jan.–Mar.  
2020

March  
2020

May  
2020

June  
2020

July 2020

September  
2020

October  
2020

Examined the contributing factors and established where the gaps exist.

COVID-19 hit and the school system shutdown. The Mental Health Task Force was postponed.

A draft report and recommendations were sent to the Superintendent and County Executive for review. A request for an extension was made.

The fourth task force meeting takes place. This will be an opportunity to add recommendations based on the impact of the pandemic and social unrest.

# RECOMMENDATIONS







What are some  
additional  
recommendations  
based on the  
pandemic and social  
unrest?

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- The co-chairs will take the information gathered from today's meeting and determine what needs to be added or eliminated from the draft report.
- The co-chairs will develop a final report and present it to the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, and the County Executive in October 2020.
- A determination will be made by the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, and County Executive as to which of the recommendations will be implemented.

THANK  
YOU