

Hereford parents seek restraining order over schedule

They file complaint in Circuit Court, want to keep current schedule



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Hereford High School parents who are upset about plans to change the school schedule throughout the county next year have filed a complaint in Circuit Court, seeking a temporary restraining order.

The parents had filed a legal petition with the Baltimore County school board last month, requesting to keep the school's current schedule. They said in a press release Wednesday that they are seeking the restraining order because the school board has not overturned Superintendent Dallas Dance's decision and because classes are currently being scheduled for next year.

School spokesman Mychael Dickerson said in a statement, "Assuming that we had received official notice of any lawsuit, it is our practice to refrain from commenting on litigation."

The parents have protested for months because they believe Dance's decision to standardize schedules is arbitrary and based on faulty data. Hereford students take four classes each semester for a total of eight classes a year. Under the new plan, students would take eight classes over the course of a year.

In February, Dance adjusted his plan so that juniors and seniors at Hereford and two other high schools could keep their current schedule under some limited circumstances.

Parents and students at Hereford, one of the highest-achieving schools in the county, say students have been successful using the schedule for the past 22 years.

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