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# ACADEMY CALVERT K-8 ONLINE SCHOOL

GROWTH AND CAPITAL NEEDS COMMITTEE

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## HISTORY & CONTEXT



- Began as a charter school authorized by the Charter School Institute in 2010.
- The only K-8 Online program in the state to earn a performance rating on the State Performance Framework.
- Transferred to a district school in Academy School District in 2015/2016.
- Evolved from a fully online to a blended program
- Currently serves 110 students from out of district and 29 students who reside within ASD20 boundaries
- The school formerly occupied 3600 sq. ft.
- It currently operates in approximately 1200 sq. ft. which includes office, storage and classroom space in one portable located at Academy Endeavor Elementary School.

# WHAT IS BLENDED LEARNING?



- Currently considered a best practice.
- Online schools which employ blended learning have higher rates of student engagement and achievement.
- Blended learning leverages a meaningful use of technology with face to face collaboration, tutoring and direct instruction.
- Students currently use the Blended Learning Center in 'shifts' to accommodate multiple grade levels on different days of the week.



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# OUR REQUEST



- Our committee's primary concern is space.
  - Permanent Home for the School
  - Space for performing arts, science and art activities



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- New Opportunities Program
  - Partnership Academy
  - Expulsion Program
- Academy Online High School, Extended Studies, The Village at Pine Creek
- **Calvert K-8 Online**
- Home School Academy
- Credit Recovery
- GED Preparation Program
- Bridges Program for students with IEP's ages 18-21
- School to Work Alliance Program
- **Approximately 1100 students**

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- Separate spaces for the schools/programs attached to a new building or an existing building
- Separate parking lot and entry way
- Kitchen to serve breakfast and lunch
- Separate playground
- Computer labs
- Library/Makerspace
- Professional learning space
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# ACADEMY CALVERT REQUESTS AN ACADEMY 20 INNOVATION AND LEARNING CAMPUS

- 20 Classrooms
- Office Space for 10
- Flexible Learning Spaces
- Science Laboratory/Classrooms
- Space for performing arts classes and performances
- Outdoor Learning Center/Classrooms
- Health/Fitness Center

# RATIONALE



- Multiple Avenues for Collaboration and Innovation Between Programs
- Elimination of Duplicate Services on Multiple Campuses: Ability to Consolidate Nurse and Health Aides, Special Education Providers etc.
- Facilitate Meaningful Professional Learning Opportunities for All D-20 Staff
- Facilitate Multiple Learning Opportunities for Students



## *IF NOT A NEW PERMANENT LOCATION.....*



- Our committee's primary concern continues to be space.
  - The future growth of the blended learning program is extremely limited if we cannot house more students.
- As an alternative to the Academy 20 Innovation and Learning Center:
  - Several classrooms in an existing facility to house the school's office and blended learning program.
- The committee identified no needs in the current facility other than the lack of square footage which limits the number of students we can serve.

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