In accordance with Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article, Title 21, Section 101 (§ 21-101). The county board of education shall appoint a Local Advisory Council.

I. NAME:
   a. The name of this group shall be the Local Advisory Council (LAC). This policy is consistent with the MSDE Policy and Procedures for the Career and Technology Education Local Advisory Council and will update automatically with any state updates to that policy in response to annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article, Title 21, Section 101 (§ 21-101) and Maryland Education Bylaw 13A.04.02.00.

II. PURPOSE:
   a. Advises the Garrett County Public Schools and its administration on the overall direction for Career and Technology Education (CTE). Each CTE program will have a subcommittee entitled the Program Advisory Committee (PAC) to advise that particular program.
      i. The role of local advisory groups (LACs and PACs) is to assist in the improvement of CTE in order to create a system that prepares students with the academic and technical skills needed for current and future workforce demands and postsecondary education.
      ii. The primary roles of advisory groups are to advise, assist, and advocate/support CTE programs as they are developed, implemented, evaluated, and continuously improved.
1. **Advise**: Make recommendations to better align programs with workforce and economic development needs. Suggestions may include adding industry standards and credentials, recommending CTE POS to meet workforce needs and the updating of curriculum.

2. **Assist**: Help carry out specific activities such as data review and analysis, provide internships and job placement, provide teacher professional development, judge competitive skills events and set up scholarship programs.

3. **Advocate/Support**: Promote CTE programs throughout the community by identifying industry and community resources, talk to legislators, and speak for CTE at school board and other governing body meetings. Non-discrimination and ethics in CTE are two topics of importance as part of the publicity that can be provided to CTE.