



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

A Rare Offer Just for Us (Deadline: February 28, 2026)

Free Speech Inc. is making a special offer (FREE membership) to help UARE build a powerful, county-wide parent and taxpayer voting platform. We will be connected in real time, where we can vote on school board/political issues and take that consensus to elected officials.

Instructions on how to join: <https://thefreespeechapp.com/uare>

For more information on our partnership: <https://thefreespeechapp.com/uare-onboarding>

- First 1,000 annual subscriptions: FREE
- After that: just \$4.99/year (discounted from \$7.99/year) This offer runs only through February 28, 2026.

We need to get as many people on the app as quickly as possible. The UARE community has polls up and we need your responses!

MARYLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOWS TRANSGENDER SLIDESHOW TO 6TH GRADERS

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/maryland-middle-schools-transgender-awareness-week-lesson-gave-kids-binding-tips-coming-out-advice>

GUN RECOVERED AFTER FIGHT BETWEEN STUDENTS; NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ON LOCKDOWN

<https://mocoshow.com/2025/12/05/gun-recovered-after-fight-between-students-northwood-high-school-on-lockdown/>

STUDENT ARRESTED AFTER LOADED 3-D PRINTED GUN FOUND AT NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

<https://mocoshow.com/2025/12/05/student-arrested-after-loaded-3d-printed-gun-found-at-northwood-high-school/>

MARYLAND SEEKS TO END CHARTER SCHOOL DISPUTES ONCE AND FOR ALL

<https://www.thebanner.com/education/k-12-schools/maryland-charter-school-funding-NHTZO37UXVGLLLL3ZC4DQBBLJQ/>

SUPERINTENDENT PUSHES FOR CLOSURE OF COUNTY'S ONLY CHARTER SCHOOL(inside source says MCPS never supported them and doesn't believe in competition)

<https://www.thebanner.com/education/k-12-schools/montgomery-county-charter-closure-DIZGVHUAM5GB7HKSWFQPWW7W64/>

MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S ONLY CHARTER SCHOOL WILL FIGHT CLOSURE EFFORT

<https://www.thebanner.com/education/k-12-schools/montgomery-county-charter-school-fight-closure-6FPDQG3TVREOBPHHU2YZGG7KNQ/>

THE 130+ YEAR HISTORY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S OLDEST HIGH SCHOOL

<https://mocoshow.com/2025/12/09/the-130-year-history-of-montgomery-countys-oldest-high-school/>

UPCOMING IMPORTANT MCPS DATES TO REMEMBER

<https://mocoshow.com/2025/12/09/upcoming-important-mcps-dates-to-remember/>

GRACE RIVERA-OVEN: INTERVIEW WITH NEW MCPS BOARD PRESIDENT

[Link](#) Comment from MCTL member: How is it even remotely possible that replacing an HVAC system at Magruder High School will cost \$30M?? MCPS cannot be trusted to make spending decisions.

EDUCATION ADVOCATES WILL PUSH FOR LAWMAKERS TO FUND TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

[Link](#)

DON'T BLAME THE BLUEPRINT

[Link](#) Comment by Gordie Brenne of MCTL: Baloney. The Blueprint hasn't improved reading or math proficiency for low income kids. Spending more state money on this will not change the fundamental weakness: local school districts aren't financially accountable for results

MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEE A 11,000 STUDENT ENROLLMENT DROP

<https://www.thebanner.com/education/k-12-schools/maryland-public-schools-enrollment-drops-I7FPW6AIAJGNFDXQDBMNLME4/>

It's bad news for superintendents, since state funding is tied to how many kids are enrolled. School systems could be in for another year of tough budget decisions. The state's public schools now enroll nearly 30,000 fewer students than they did five years ago. The drop in enrollment reflects a decline in birth rates starting in 2016 and a 51% increase in homeschooled students since the pandemic. There were 27,754 homeschoolers in 2020; now there are 42,151.

WHY JOHNNY CAN'T READ PART 6

[Link](#)

COVETED YASS PRIZE PROVES SCHOOL CHOICE IS WORKING

<https://committeetounleashprosperity.com/hotlines/coveted-yass-prize-proves-school-choice-is-working/>

SEATTLE SCHOOLS ARE SURVEYING TEENS ON SEX, GENDER, DRUG USE - AN SHARING THE DATA

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PARENT'S AREN'T READING TO KIDS

<https://www.the74million.org/zero2eight/why-parents-arent-reading-to-kids-and-what-it-means-for-young-students/>

MICHIGAN'S NEW APPROACH TO TEACHING KIDS TO READ

<https://www.the74million.org/article/michigan-school-district-embraces-new-approach-to-teaching-kids-to-read/>

MARYLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION SETS 2026 POLICY AGENDA, SEEKS ACADEMIC COACHING FUNDS

[Link](#)

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY NEW SCHOOL RATING SYSTEM, BUT CHANGES COULD BE YEARS OFF

[Link](#)

GREAT VIDEO FROM A GROUP IN FREDERICK

[first video](#)