



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

### **Reading the Headlines Is Just the First Step**

The real work happens when parents organize, share information, and show up together. UARE turns awareness into action - through outreach, digital tools, and local engagement focused on MCPS decisions that affect your child's daily school experience.

Even a modest donation helps us:

- Maintain our website and weekly newsletter
- Reach more Montgomery County families
- Support parent-focused school board candidates

If this newsletter helps you stay informed, please consider helping us keep it going. [Make a small donation to support UARE's work.](#)

### **HOW WOKE POLICIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT K-12 EDUCATION**

[https://www.dailysignal.com/2025/12/22/accreditation-mandates-bring-crt-into-colleges-and-k-12-schools/?utm\\_source=TDS\\_Email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=this-one-issue-is-driving-gen-z-to-the-right&\\_bhlid=d8a33ecd471424c99efe499d5444947311ceebbc](https://www.dailysignal.com/2025/12/22/accreditation-mandates-bring-crt-into-colleges-and-k-12-schools/?utm_source=TDS_Email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=this-one-issue-is-driving-gen-z-to-the-right&_bhlid=d8a33ecd471424c99efe499d5444947311ceebbc)

### **HISTORIC CLASS-ACTION VICTORY PERMANENTLY BLOCKS GENDER SECRECY POLICIES AND RESTORES PARENTAL RIGHTS**

[U.S. District Court Judge Roger Benitez has ruled](#)

### **RECORD SCHOOL SPENDING FAILS TO REVERSE DECLINE IN TEST SCORES**

[https://www.thecentersquare.com/national/article\\_e8d0d7fb-bf8a-4f04-92b3-fd2c8cdffd4d.html](https://www.thecentersquare.com/national/article_e8d0d7fb-bf8a-4f04-92b3-fd2c8cdffd4d.html)

### **FREDERICK DAD TESTIFIES FOR PARENTAL RIGHTS**

[Watch it here](#)

### **NATIONAL CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH COMMENTARY URGING GOV. MOORE TO OPT IN**

<https://nationalcenter.org/ncppr/2025/08/04/torrey-snow-why-wes-moore-must-opt-in-to-federal-school-choice-program/> National Center

**OUR SCHOOL-CHOICE MOMENT: A DECISION PITTING THE TEACHERS UNION AGAINST MARYLAND FAMILIES - CONTACT GOV. MOORE TO ENCOURAGE HIM TO OPT IN, IN ORDER FOR PARENTS TO GET \$1,700 PER YEAR TO PAY FOR PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL, OR TUTORING AND SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES. (410)974-3901**

**ELRICH 'OPTIMISTIC' ABOUT FULLY FUNDING PROPOSED MCPS SPENDING**  
[Link](#)

**MOCO STATE DELEGATION PROPOSES PAY RAISE FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, MORE LOCAL FOOD IN SCHOOL LUNCHES** (common sense tells me pay raises should be tied to student assessments - another reason how important to vote candidates in that will fight for academics)

<https://bethesdamagazine.com/2025/12/24/moco-state-delegation-proposes-pay-raise-for-school-board-members-more-local-food-in-school-lunches/>

**MCPS WANTS TO SPEND MILLIONS ON TURF FIELDS - HERE'S HOW IT MAY AFFECT THE COUNTY**

[Link](#)

**VAN GRACK REPLIES TO HERNANDEZ ON WOOTTON HIGH SCHOOL**

<https://montgomeryperspective.com/2025/12/26/van-grack-replies-to-hernandez-on-wootton-high-school/>

**PETITION - DO NOT CHANGE RITCHIE PARK ELEMENTARY'S ARTICULATION TO FROST MIDDLE SCHOOL**

<https://www.change.org/p/do-not-change-ritchie-park-elementary-s-articulation-to-frost-middle-school>

**PETITION - SUPPORT THE COLD SPRING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

<https://www.change.org/p/support-the-cold-spring-elementary-school-replacement-project>

**WAS THE OPT-OUT MOVEMENT A FAILURE?**

<https://www.cleanslatemoco.com/was-the-opt-out-movement-a-failure/4128>

**NEW PROGRAM HELPS MCPS PARAEDUCATORS EARN TEACHING LICENSURE WHILE WORKING**

<https://mocoshow.com/2025/12/27/new-program-program-helps-mcps-paraeducators-earn-teaching-licensure-while-working/>

**ACTION NEEDED MARYLAND HEALTH CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK**

new recommended Family Life framework for Maryland removes references to gender in grades Pre-K through 4. They have recommended teaching those concepts in grades 5-12.

If you agree that introducing these concepts should be up to the parents, and that the concepts of "sex assigned at birth" or "gender identity" are not based in science, please click the link below to comment. The state board will be reviewing the comments to make a decision on the final draft of this framework. Please be specific and ask that lessons on gender identity and sexual orientation be removed from all grades, Pre-K through 12. Here is the link to comment: [MSDE Health Education Public Comment Survey](#)

If you prefer to send an email: [healthandpe.msde@maryland.gov](mailto:healthandpe.msde@maryland.gov)

Link to proposed framework: [Maryland's Comprehensive Health Education Framework](#)

**PROTECT MCPS COUNTYWIDE MAGNET PROGRAMS! RECONSIDER THE RUSHED SIX-REGION PLAN-PRESERVE**

MCPS's proposed 6-region plan would fragment resources, limit student access, and potentially weaken educational standards. The rushed implementation lacks proper planning and meaningful community input.

**Sign now with a click**

[View full petition](#)

**COME ONE, COME ALL TO SUPPORT FITZGERALD MOFOR**



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MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

# FITZGERALD MOFOR'S CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

Meet your candidate for House of Delegates and enjoy complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. Raffle tickets for prizes given to event donors.

**THURSDAY**  
JAN 15, 2026

**TIME**  
6:00 - 9:00 PM

**KONSTANTINE'S**  
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HIGHLAND, MD 20771

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