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### **HOW A LEGAL GROUP'S ANTI-LGBTQ POLICIES TOOK ROOT IN SCHOOLS ACROSS A STATE**

[https://hechingerreport.org/clever-as-serpents-how-a-legal-groups-anti-lgbtq-policies-took-root-in-school-districts-across-a-state/?utm\\_source=ActiveCampaign&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=School Notes%3A Bigger budget%2C smaller classes&utm\\_campaign=BM-Editorial-School-Notes-12-18-25 %28Copy%29](https://hechingerreport.org/clever-as-serpents-how-a-legal-groups-anti-lgbtq-policies-took-root-in-school-districts-across-a-state/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=School%20Notes%3A%20Bigger%20budget%2C%20smaller%20classes&utm_campaign=BM-Editorial-School-Notes-12-18-25%28Copy%29)

### **THESE ARE THE BOOKS FAMILIES OPTED OUT OF AFTER SUPREME COURT FIGHT**

<https://www.thebanner.com/education/k-12-schools/montgomery-county-schools-book-opt-out-forms-supreme-court-JQE3MXD2ZVH3JAD426VG4FCYTY/>

### **MCPS TO HOLD COMMUNITY MEETING ON THIRD QUARTER "REFRIGERATOR CURRICULUM"**

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[CHECK OUT YOUR CHILD'S GRADE LEVEL TO SEE WHAT'S BEING INCLUDED IN THIRD QUARTER CURRICULUM](#)

### **TEACHERS ASK SUPREME COURT TO BLOCK GENDER SECRECY POLICIES**

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2026/01/08/california-teachers-ask-supreme-court-reinstate-block-gender-secrecy-policies-undermining-parental-rights/>

### **MCPS: LOSS OF FEDERAL FUNDING CREATES 'CHALLENGE' FOR UPCOMING BUDGET**

[Link](#) Comment by Gordie Brenne of MCTL: Supt Taylor says the loss of Federal funds is tied to enrollment drops and cites the Stronger Connections grant. Well, local funding should be tied to enrollment too, and also to results. What does the Stronger Connections grant accomplish and how does it tie into strategic plan objectives? Is it cost effective, or are there better alternatives?

### **MCPS WANTS TO HIRE MORE STAFF TO KEEP UP WITH INFLUX OF PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST**

[Link](#) Janis Zink Sartucci, of the [Parents' Coalition of Montgomery County](#), this is a self-inflicted problem. If the school district proactively made more information public, she said, it could trim down the number of requests.

## **PROPOSED CUTS TO MCPS STAFF WHO SUPPORT STUDENTS, FAMILIES RAISE CONCERNS**

[Link](#)

## **AFTER - SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY UNDER DEATH AND MULTIPLE CHILD INJURIES**

[Link](#)

## **FALLING ENROLLMENT MOST EXTREME IN WEALTHY DISTRICTS, STUDY FINDS**

<https://www.the74million.org/article/falling-enrollment-most-extreme-in-wealthy-districts-study-finds/>

## **PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS DECLINING - BUT NOT EVERYWHERE, OR FOR ALL STUDENTS**

<https://www.the74million.org/article/public-school-enrollment-is-declining-but-not-everywhere-or-for-all-students/>

## **SATISFACTION WITH U.S. PUBLIC EDUCATION REACHES RECORD LOW IN NOW GALLUP SURVEY**

<https://www.the74million.org/article/satisfaction-with-u-s-public-education-reaches-record-low-in-new-gallup-survey/>

## **AS SCHOOL CHOICE TAX CREDIT GOES NATIONAL, THE BATTLE OVER REGULATION BEGINS**

<https://www.the74million.org/article/as-school-choice-tax-credit-goes-national-the-battle-over-regulation-begins/>

## **BUDGET RECONCILIATION BILL ENACTS FIRST FEDERAL PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM**

[Budget reconciliation bill enacts first federal private school choice program - Ballotpedia News](#)

## **EDUCATION FREEDOM COMING TO MISSISSIPPI, GIVING PARENTS A CHOICE**

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2026/01/08/good-news-mississippi-looks-to-reform-establish-education-freedom/>

## **WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT MCPS CLASS SIZE CHANGES**

[Link](#)

## **22 MCPS EMPLOYEES FLAGGED IN BACKGROUND RESCREENING PROCESS**

[Link](#)

## **MCPS RECOMMENDS MASKS IN SCHOOL HEALTH ROOMS AS RESPIRATORY ILLNESS RATES RISE**

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## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S ONLY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DEFUNDS ITSELF AGAINST MCPS CLOSURE RECOMMENDATION**

<https://bethesdamagazine.com/2026/01/09/moco-charter-school-closure/>

## **PARENTS, STUDENTS SPEAK OUT TO KEEP WOOTTON AT WOOTTON**

<https://www.mymcmedia.org/parents-students-speak-out-to-keep-wootton-at-wootton/>

## **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TENSE OVER WOOTTON HIGH CLOSURE PROPOSAL**

<https://bethesdamagazine.com/2026/01/09/school-board-meeting-wootton-high-closure-proposal/>

**Seattle schools ask kids as young as 10 about gender identity, drugs in controversial survey** | [Fox News](#)

## **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. **VOTING IN FEBRUARY**

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](#)

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<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/watchdog-exposes-taxpayer-funded-teacher-program-banning-white-applicants-likely-illegal>