



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

UARE is Powered by Parents - Just Like You

We are not a large organization. We don't have corporate backing. Everything we do—from sharing timely education news to advocating for parent transparency - depends on community support.

A contribution today helps ensure that Montgomery County parents continue to have access to information and a platform to be heard.

If UARE has been helpful to you or your family, we invite you to **donate to support parent advocacy in Montgomery County.**

STUDENT ALLEGEDLY ASSAULTS STAFF MEMBER AT WALT WHITMAN HS

<https://mocoshow.com/2026/01/06/student-allegedly-assaults-staff-member-at-walt-whitman-high-school-in-bethesda/>

VIRGINIA LIMITS KIDS UNDER 16 TO ONE HOUR OF SOCIAL MEDIA PER DAY, SHOULD MARYLAND FOLLOW SUIT?

<https://mocoshow.com/2026/01/01/virginia-limits-kids-under-16-to-one-hour-of-social-media-per-day-should-maryland-follow-suit/>

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, THE LARGEST US TEACHERS UNION, TO HOST TRAINING THAT ATTACKS REPUBLICANS AS 'RACIST AND TRANSPHOBIC'

Link The article contains links to NEA's training materials. Montgomery County's teachers union (MCEA) and the Maryland State Education Association (MSEA) take direction from the National Education Association (NEA) and endorse only Democrat candidates on their Apple Ballot.

WHAT IS SCHOOL CHOICE?

<https://www.edchoice.org/school-choice/>

FROM PROMISE TO REALITY: SCHOOL CHOICE WON BIG IN 2025

Link

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

<https://www.bettermarylandschools.org/legislation>

<https://files.constantcontact.com/7657548e901/66131249-404f-43ee-9ab4-d6b6ea556d6f.pdf?rdr=true>

FIND SCHOOLS NEAR ME - NAVIGATE SCHOOL CHOICE

<https://myschoolchoice.com/schools-near-me>

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/>

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

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

A CLASSICAL EDUCATION REVIVAL HITS THE CAPITAL REGION

[Link](#)

COUNCIL PLANS HEARINGS ON BULLYING AT MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[Link](#)

FIVE MCPS DECISIONS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN 2026

[Link](#)

WHY CONSERVATIVES SHOULD DEFEND SOCIALIZED EDUCATION

[Link](#) Gordie Brenne of MCTL: This is why MCTL supports efficient and effective public education. It is also why we focus on improving the education of the poorest among us and vigorously want to change the status quo of students being only 35% proficient in English and 15% in math. Shame on any advocacy organization that doesn't prioritize funding for strategies that will boost student proficiency over buildings, teachers, or higher income programs to stabilize enrollment.

HOMESCHOOLING HAS EXPLODED IN MARYLAND SINCE THE PANDEMIC

[Link](#)

Social Workers in Public Schools – Questions to Ask

Petition · REBUILD DAMASCUS HIGH SCHOOL

<https://www.change.org/p/rebuild-damascus-high-school>

KEY MCPS SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2026

<https://mocoshow.com/2026/01/04/key-mcps-school-calendar-dates-for-january-and-february-2026/>

STUDY: INTEREST RISES IN AI TOOLS IN EDUCATION

https://www.thecentersquare.com/national/article_4d23a3fa-1d2f-41ee-a725-4612723c7c96.html

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARENTS UPSET ABOUT NEWEST BOUNDARY STUDY OPTIONS

[Link](#)

MC SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER BRENDA WOLFF WON'T SEEK RE-ELECTION TO DISTRICT 5 SEAT

[Link](#)

10 USEFUL TECH TOOLS FOR EDUCATORS IN 2026: A PRACTICAL GUIDE

<https://www.the74million.org/article/10-useful-tech-tools-for-educators-in-2026-a-practical-guide/>

Parental Rights in Education after Mahmoud v. Taylor: Legal and Cultural Assessments

Thursday, January 22, 2026 [WATCH ONLINE](#)

12:45–3:30 p.m. ET

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