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#### **PRIVATE SCHOOLS THRIVE AS PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRY TO UNDERMINE PARENTS**

**[https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/in\\_focus/4513809/private-schools-thrive-public-schools-undermine-parents/](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/in_focus/4513809/private-schools-thrive-public-schools-undermine-parents/)**

#### **HOW MCPS LIED WITH STATISTICS**

**<https://youtu.be/yF1Tt2qZHhc?si=8p35RAaFGMrmlPsN>**

#### **MCPS DECLINING ENROLLMENT**

**<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1GJZhgQBcQ/?mibextid=wwXlfr>**

#### **COUNTY'S ONLY CHARTER SCHOOL SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS IN HOPES OF REMAINING OPEN**

**[Link](#) Comment by Gordie Brenne of MCTL: The state Board is next for appeal. Let's hope the Board can think beyond 6 months and apply the same prudent reasoning used in directing MCPS to drop the electric school bus contract for fraud in it's award. Long term thinking is not common among policy makers these days. It's the reason we have a state Board. As for our local school Board, new county leadership is needed to change state law to limit voting for District members to residents of each District. Countywide voting corrupts District accountability, and favors MCEAs advocacy efforts. It's why our county council has seen fit to override our local Board's internal audit governance function with the county OIG- a short term solution we hope. As Ann Hingston likes to point out, we are the only large county in the state to allow voting by non-District residents. We need to fix this and get an independent OIG reporting to the Board of this \$4 billion organization that's run amuck with poor academic results and is shooting the wounded in the battle against the achievement gap.**

#### **TEACHERS ARE LEAVING UNIONS THAT PUT ACTIVISM AHEAD OF STUDENTS**

**<https://www.dailysignal.com/2026/04/07/is-the-end-of-the-american-federation-of-teachers-in-sight/>**

#### **ANOTHER MARYLAND SCANDAL**

**[https://open.substack.com/pub/directlinenews/p/baltimores-children-and-youth-fund?r=2cxszl&utm\\_medium=ios](https://open.substack.com/pub/directlinenews/p/baltimores-children-and-youth-fund?r=2cxszl&utm_medium=ios)**

#### **STUDENT FOUND WITH GUN AT MONTGOMERY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

<https://wjla.com/news/local/student-detained-gun-found-watkins-mill-high-school-montgomery-county-lockdown-student-secure-maryland>

## **SCHOOL CHOICE CRITICS GLARING DOUBLE STANDARD**

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**DEAREST GENTLE READER: IT'S TIME TO ABANDON AI IN SCHOOLS**

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**ANTISEMITISM'S NEWEST SAFE SPACE: TEACHERS' UNIONS**

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**EDUCATION UNIONS PLAN RALLY URGING FULL FUNDING OF MCPS BUDGET**

<https://mocoshow.com/2026/04/02/education-unions-plan-rally-urging-full-funding-of-mcps-budget/>

**MUSLIM ACTIVISTS RAISES CONCERNS ABOUT POTENTIAL ANTI-PALESTINIAN BIAS IN MCPS**

[Link](#)

**MARYLAND'S FAILING BLUEPRINT**

[https://open.substack.com/pub/directlinenews/p/marylands-failing-blueprint-fewer?r=2cxszl&utm\\_medium=ios](https://open.substack.com/pub/directlinenews/p/marylands-failing-blueprint-fewer?r=2cxszl&utm_medium=ios)

**MAY DAY'S REAL TARGETS? AMERICA'S STUDENTS**

<https://townhall.com/columnists/rhyen-staley/2026/03/25/may-days-real-targets-americas-students-n2673369>

**FOUR TAKEAWAYS FROM NEW REPORT ON AI'S RISK IN EDUCATION**

<https://www.the74million.org/article/four-takeaways-from-new-report-on-ais-risks-in-education/>

**AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY ART & WRITING COMPETITION**

<https://freedomined.org/america-writing-contest/>

**SCHOOL CHOICE ISN'T RADICAL. THE ALTERNATIVE IS**

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/restoring-america/community-family/4516938/school-choice-not-radical-alternative-is/>

**SUPREME COURT SPLIT SPARKS ALARM OVER COUNSELOR FREE SPEECH**

<https://middleamericanews.com/news/supreme-court-split-sparks-alarm-over-counselor-free-speech/>

**BOUNDARIES BY ADAM VAN CRACK**

·Statement from Rockville City Councilmember Adam Van Grack on the MCPS Board of Education Boundary Vote

I am deeply disappointed by the Montgomery County Board of Education's 7-1 vote to approve the Superintendent's Boundary Recommendations, which will, in effect, close Wootton High School and relocate its entire student body to the new Crown High School.

This decision comes despite extraordinary and unified opposition from multiple communities. The Wootton Cluster community, the Magruder Cluster community, the unanimous Rockville Mayor and Council, and voices from across Montgomery County came together to urge a cooperative path: a solution that would open Crown to its closest students while also preserving Wootton High School and maintaining a clear rebuild path for Magruder High School. That unified call for collaboration and balance was not supported through tonight's outcome.

In my testimony before the Board prior to the vote, I urged the Board to pause and work collaboratively with communities and local leaders to support a solution that supports all students. I emphasized that significant questions remain regarding growth projections, development assumptions, transportation impacts, and the future of the Wootton facility. Importantly, I invited the Board and Superintendent to join us in advocating together before the County Council for funding to support both Wootton and Magruder. As I told the Board, “When communities are asking you for leadership, when data is questioned, when one decision directly threatens multiple communities, the strongest leadership is not choosing which community to sacrifice, it is standing together and refusing to sacrifice any of them.”

This unfortunate decision creates heartache in the Wootton community, provides continued sorrow in the Magruder community, and raises long-term concerns about capacity and growth planning in one of the fastest-growing regions of Montgomery County. Rather than bringing communities together, this decision risks dividing them and eliminating flexibility that will likely be needed in the years ahead.

While tonight’s vote is final, my advocacy is not. I will continue to strongly advocate for Wootton High School to be rebuilt or renovated as a permanent, community high school on Wootton Parkway. The Wootton community deserves long-term certainty, and students deserve a local, modern facility that allows the school’s strong academic and community traditions to continue for generations. Remember that there are important County Elections this upcoming June and November in which leaders who decide the fate of our students will be elected. Elections have consequences.

Although I strongly disagree with tonight’s outcome, I remain committed to working with parents, students, educators, County leaders, and community stakeholders to advocate for investment in Wootton, a clear modernization path for Magruder, and planning that supports growth across our County.

Thank you to the amazing community members and volunteers from the Wootton High School Community, Magruder High School Community, Richard Montgomery Community, and any other community members for all of their amazing advocacy over the past few months. The unity demonstrated by the incredible Wootton, Magruder, and Richard Montgomery parents, students, and community members throughout this process has been extraordinary, and that collaboration will remain essential moving forward.