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PARENTS'

CHOICE

BALLOT™

This sample ballot highlights candidates who are independent of teacher union influence — committed to putting students, families, their community, and Montgomery County's fiscal responsibility first.

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**At-Large**

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**District 3**

**Andrew Frykman**  
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**Our Focus**

- Academics First
- School Safety
- Respect Parents' Input
- Fiscal Transparency

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By The Authority of United Against Racism in Education, Svetlana Roman, Treasurer

## PARENTS' CHOICE BALLOT

Above is a copy with our endorsed candidates who align with UARE's focus. These are the candidates that received the highest scores from the UARE members that attended the March 11th forum. I need your help to get this ballot out to Montgomery County voters. We need help with the following: stuffing plastic bags with campaign literature, emailing our ballot to voters, displaying our yard signs, door knocking, and handing out ballots at voting polls. It's going to take all of us. If you want to make positive changes in our school system, step up to help!

Please email me and tell me how you can help. Thank you, Dee - [reubendee121@aol.com](mailto:reubendee121@aol.com)

WOOTTON HIGH SCHOOL

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18NifgFotX/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

LITIGATION FILED AGAINST MCPS OVER "MODIFIED OPTION 11," CITING FAULTY DATA, LEGAL VIOLATIONS, AND PROCEDURAL FAILURES

[https://open.substack.com/pub/parentscoalitionmd/p/litigation-filed-against-mcps-over?r=2cxszl&utm\\_medium=ios](https://open.substack.com/pub/parentscoalitionmd/p/litigation-filed-against-mcps-over?r=2cxszl&utm_medium=ios)

'WE CAN'T COVER ALL THE SCHOOLS': MOCO POLICE DISCUSS YOUTH SAFETY WITH COUNTY COUNCIL, MCPS (REMEMBER IT WAS JAWANDO SPREADING FALSE ACQUSSIONS THE LED ELRICH TO REMOVE SRO'S FROM BUDGET)

Check out this post on Nextdoor: [https://nextdoor.com/p/4p5TScLPhNm2?utm\\_source=share&extras=MTlyOTkzMzI%3D&share\\_platform=6&utm\\_campaign=1777117496588&share\\_action\\_id=2ae23f3b-72db-4827-8180-42286de03132](https://nextdoor.com/p/4p5TScLPhNm2?utm_source=share&extras=MTlyOTkzMzI%3D&share_platform=6&utm_campaign=1777117496588&share_action_id=2ae23f3b-72db-4827-8180-42286de03132)

BREAKING: SUPERINTENDENT TAYLOR BRINGS BACK OUTSIDE SPECIAL ED. LAW FIRM LAST USED IN 2018. STATE AUDIT HAD FLAGGED ISSUE WITH

OUTSIDE SPECIAL ED. LAW FIRM CONTRACTS IN 2016.

[Link](#)

**MARYLAND LAUNCHES HIRING CAMPAIGN FOR 60+ TEACHER COACHING POSITIONS**

[Link](#)

**WHY BLUE STATE GOVERNORS SHOULD SIGN UP FOR NEW FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT**

[Link \(CALL GOV. MOORE'S OFFICE & TELL HIM TO OPT HIM - 410-974-3901\)](#)

**MOCO STUDENTS TAKE ON WORLD'S LARGEST ROBOTICS COMPETITION**

<https://patch.com/maryland/rockville/moco-students-take-world-s-largest-robotics-competition>

**Top 5 Schools in Each State Beating the Odds in 3rd Grade Reading**

**The Maryland School District 'Doing the Improbable' in Teaching Kids to Read**

**RETURN TO CORE VALUES: PRIORITIZE CIVIC LITERACY OVER IDEOLOGY**

<https://nationalschoolboardleadershipcouncil.com/legislation/return-to-core-values-prioritize-civic-literacy-over-ideology>

**EDISON HIGH STUDENTS RECEIVE HYBRID VEHICLE TRAINING**

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**KIDS IN STATE FUNDED PRESCHOOLS HIT RECORD HIGH, BUT PROGRAM QUALITY VARIES**

<https://www.the74million.org/zero2eight/kids-in-state-funded-preschools-hit-record-high-but-program-quality-varies/>

**MARYLAND BLUEPRINT FAILURE**

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

**EXCLUSIVE: HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGNS CURB ENROLLMENT LOSS, REPORT FINDS**

<https://www.the74million.org/article/exclusive-high-school-redesigns-curb-enrollment-loss-report-finds/>

**IN AN ERA OF 'AMERICA FIRST', INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOOLS STILL THRIVE**

<https://www.the74million.org/article/in-an-era-of-america-first-international-baccalaureate-schools-still-thrive/>

**SAFETY IN MCPS SCHOOLS**

[https://bethesdamagazine.com/2026/04/24/mcps-police-county-council-youth-safety/?fbclid=IwZnRzaARa3npleHRuA2FibQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2Njl4NTY4Mzc5AAEellTzw\\_T45PW62AWHqcQdkcd4KcaJtxTFur1kQL\\_8LaWiCroK\\_PdrTMCBfil\\_aem\\_6nQP10yVmVf6ly9BK-GPGw](https://bethesdamagazine.com/2026/04/24/mcps-police-county-council-youth-safety/?fbclid=IwZnRzaARa3npleHRuA2FibQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2Njl4NTY4Mzc5AAEellTzw_T45PW62AWHqcQdkcd4KcaJtxTFur1kQL_8LaWiCroK_PdrTMCBfil_aem_6nQP10yVmVf6ly9BK-GPGw)

**MCPS SECURES \$6 MILLION GRANT TO HELP SCHOOL STAFF BECOME LICENSED TEACHERS**

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**WHAT'S NEXT FOR MAGRUDER HIGH SCHOOL**

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**A SAFETY REPORT, OR TRANSPARENCY ABOUT \$102 MILLION IN REVENUE FROM SCHOOL BUS STOP LIGHT INFRACTIONS**

Check out this post on Nextdoor: [https://nextdoor.com/p/SYgPjdMBGGWx?utm\\_source=share&extras=MTIyOTkzMzI%3D&share\\_platform=6&utm\\_campaign=1777117585428&share\\_action\\_id=fe9011fe-3bf9-4db0-81ca-a2aa747f4cb8](https://nextdoor.com/p/SYgPjdMBGGWx?utm_source=share&extras=MTIyOTkzMzI%3D&share_platform=6&utm_campaign=1777117585428&share_action_id=fe9011fe-3bf9-4db0-81ca-a2aa747f4cb8)

## **FROM A MCPS HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER**

"Third quarter wrapped up last week and one of the things teachers are asked to do is run a report to make sure no grades, besides zeroes, are lower than a 50% In current day MCPS, a student cannot earn a grade between .1 and 49.99%. When I ran my report this quarter, it was 8 pages long and flagged 733 assignment grades. Each of those flagged were zeroes. I teach 135 students. The average student I teach did not submit 5 assignments.

Appalled, I went to our Gradebook program supervisor, who runs reports for the entire school. I was told the number of zeroes for the school for the quarter was in the neighborhood of 58,000. Some rough math tells us the average student did not submit four assignments in each class they were enrolled in this quarter. Graduation rates around the County, especially in the Red Zones, are going to drop quite a bit this year.

At the least, this is the legacy of the 50% minimum rule."

## **MOCO BUDGET**

[MCGOP FY27 Budget Analysis](#)

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## **CLASSROOM TO CORPORATE - TEACHER TRANSITION PROGRAM'S POST**

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AyXfnetuq/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

## **MCPS SUPERINTENDENT**

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/18SnGLrBg3/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

## **NEW RESEARCH: AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING MAY BE AN OVERLOOKED TOOL FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**

<https://www.the74million.org/article/new-research-afterschool-tutoring-may-be-an-overlooked-tool-for-student-success/>

## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR PUSHES BACK ON PROPOSED AUGUST 17 MCPS SCHOOL START**

<https://mocoshow.com/2026/04/27/montgomery-county-fair-pushes-back-on-proposed-august-17-mcps-school-start/>

## **AN OPIOID 100 TIMES DEADLIER THAN FENTANYL KILLED HER. SHE WON'T BE THE LAST.**

<https://www.thebanner.com/community/local-news/carfentanil-dangerous-maryland-opioid-ZVKYGY5GUZGVPFPI7RHXVW2HHU/>