

Election of the 24th Student Member of the Board of Education

Dustin Jeter

Hello, I am Dustin Jeter and I am a candidate for the Student Member of the Board of Education. The SMOB that you elect will have a direct impact on the role of future student board members. There are many of our State Legislators who would love for the students of Montgomery County to fail in selecting the right candidate for the job. There are some in Annapolis who are already pushing for the reduction of our voting power. That is why I believe that...

Dustin Jeter for Student Member of the Board of Education

Many issues that are presented by candidates for SMOB. Some of these issues are items that will not be addressed during the upcoming year. If elected SMOB, I will do my best to push the following issues if they come up.

EXPERIENCE IS THE KEY WHEN VOTING FOR THE RIGHT SMOB CANDIDATE!!!

My experience is what separates me from my opponent. I have represented the students of Montgomery County in many ways...

- The Montgomery County Region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MCR) President (99'-00', 00'-01')
- Member of the Montgomery County School Board Composition Task Force
- First Student Member on the Committee for Montgomery (99'-01')
- National Association of Student Councils Convention Delegate (98', 99', 00')
- Quality Management Councils Workgroup
- Maryland Leadership Workshops Counselor

- **More Middle School Representation**- I will push for more middle school involvement on key policy committees. I will also try to get more money for middle school programs such as sports and other extra-curricular activities.
- **Our Call To Action**- I will attempt to focus more of the educational initiatives in the plan on the secondary school level. This would be a change from the past two years where a major focus has been on early childhood education.
- **School Safety**- I will try to take a look at the recent "security" measures that MCPS is putting in place. ID Badges and School Resource Officers are items that need to be reviewed in greater detail with informed student representation. Other security measures should be applauded. These include no tolerance policies and increased funding for security programs so we can feel safe in schools.
- **Mental Health Initiative**- I believe that MCPS should invest in better training for our school counselors and providing at least one school psychologist for every school in the county. We have students who need help and there aren't always people who students can turn to.
- **Driving School in Schools**- I would like to see MCPS bring back drivers education back to Montgomery County High Schools. This could be a possible half semester class taught adjacent to health education in the tenth grade. This would save families money and actually give more instruction time.

WHY VOTE FOR DUSTIN JETER???

- ✓ He has a greater knowledge of the Board of Education than my opponent.
 - I testified on the original Double A Exam Exemption policy and I would support a similar plan.
 - I understand the current status of Montgomery County's voting rights and I serve on the task force that will recommend any changes in the SMOB's voting power.
 - I have a working relationship with some of the members on the Board of Education through my position as MCR President.
- ✓ He has the experience and has worked with many of Montgomery County's key players
 - I have worked with the Presidents of the following organizations as MCR President. (MCAASP, MCEA, MCCPTA, MCCSSE)
 - I have testified in Annapolis and at Board Meetings about student related issues. These issues include the Call to Action plan, cell phones in schools, Student Resource Officers, and other student related initiatives.

I would also try and introduce initiatives from the students. We are the consumers of education, and we should be able to present our ideas for change.

There are many reasons why candidates run for this office. I feel that I am the best choice for this position and I hope that you can see why. I have the experience and vision that is needed to fully represent the students of Montgomery County.

I have attended a number of Board Meeting both for public comments and as a member of a presenting panel.

Election Day: April 25th

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VOTE DUSTIN JETER FOR SMOB.