

**Election of the 31st
Student Member of the Board of Education**
MCR Special Election Committee 2008 Voters Guide



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The Board of Education requires a student who is willing to work long hours and take time out of their lives to serve the students of Montgomery County. I am willing to put in the effort. I have already served Montgomery County

students for 3 years in Montgomery County Region (MCR) as Parliamentarian and Public Relations Coordinator, and I am asking for your vote to continue to serve you as your next SMOB.

I offer you more than Student Government and Leadership Experience. I offer you a SMOB that is similar to you and can relate to you. I represent you as I have also played on various sports teams in MCPS such as Cross Country, Varsity Track and JV Soccer. I represent you as I also care about my grades and have been apart of many clubs and activities such as the National Honor Society, Junior Statesmen of America and Class Planning. I represent you as I am familiar with the life of a student in Montgomery County and I understand the concerns that you have, as I have experienced them myself.

As a student, I can relate to you. I understand your frustrations, goals, and hopes. Together, we can voice our concerns to the Board of Education. Together, we can make a difference. I hope you allow me the privilege to advocate on your behalf as your next SMOB.

I Support:

- Bringing Driver's Education courses back into MCPS to save students' time and money
- Reducing the price of parking permits and other school related fees
- Increasing and maintaining time and funding for the arts programs at the elementary, middle and high school level
- Increasing courses that promote career development within each high school
- Increasing funding for literacy at the elementary school level
- Increasing SMOB voting rights
- Allowing students to use iPods and cell phones during lunch

I Oppose:

- The inconsistent administrative implementation of the grading policy
- The averaging of the percentages of first quarter, second quarter and exams to calculate semester grades

Education:

- 2005–Present: Watkins Mill High School
- 2002–2005: Montgomery Village Middle School
- 1998–2002: Stedwick Elementary School

Leadership Experience and Accomplishments

2007–2008

- **Parliamentarian**—Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)
- **Parliamentarian**—Montgomery County Region (MCR)
- **President**—WMHS Class of 2009
- **Vice President**—National Honor Society (WMHS)
- **WMHS Coordinator**—Montgomery County Student PAC

2006–2007

- **Public Relations Coordinator**—MCR
- **Parliamentarian**—MCR
- **President**—WMHS Class of 2009

2005–2006

- **Delegate**—MCR
- **Delegate**—MASC

2004–2005

- **President**—Montgomery Village Middle School

Question 1: *What would be your top 2 goals for the county school system? If elected, how would you implement these goals?*

As Student Member on the Board of Education, I would have two main goals for the county school system:

Consistent Grading System that does not change frequently and allows all students in MCPS, independent of the year, to be measured through the same standards.

Helping Students Economically by supporting MCPS funding for Drivers Education in the curriculum, lower parking permits and other school related fees.

Question 2: *How can the Board of Education reduce students' excessive school-related stress?*

The students in Montgomery County are some of the most driven and focused students in the country and it would be a priority of mine to ensure that the Board of Education find ways to reduce student stress level. The best way to reach and market to teens, our essential target audience, is by utilizing the internet platform. Live contact with a hotline department online that can dispatch information and advice needed to help teenagers cope with the situation at hand will be more efficient than phone hotlines. Essentially, what I am advocating for is to create an internet version of the phone hotlines that are available now. This way students can use instant messenger to get the help they need efficiently and anonymously.

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