

- What qualifications and experience do you have that qualify you for a position on the Board of Education?

I have served:

4 years as the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the HCPSS Community Advisory Council (liaison between BOE and community)

5 years as member of system-wide policy review committees & initiatives

PTA President, Cultural Arts, Science Fair & Reading Room Coord., & classroom volunteer

President of East Columbia Preschool, serving as chief administrator

I started my career as Language Analyst with the DoD and have background in Economics and analysis.

- If elected, what would be your priorities for this office?

My priorities are to continue my work to:

1. Be a strong steward of tax dollars with in-depth examinations of spending and accountability by adding in long range fiscal planning,
2. Engage community members to participate and give voice to their concerns,
3. Promote diversity, equity and inclusion,
4. Research, analyze, and look for solutions to school system policies and problems, &
5. Empower teachers

- What areas within the school budget should be increased or decreased?

I will prioritize spending for classroom instruction and student safety as those are the critical and mandatory areas to fulfill the mission of the schools.

The budget deficit must also be addressed with a long-term plan to fix the health and dental fund. We cannot continue to spend more than we have.

Any new programs should start as a pilot, would need to be scrutinized, and show substantial return on investment to receive funding.

- How should the national standards for education be used to ensure a quality education for each child in the county?

National standard should serve as a floor upon which we build with our more comprehensive local standards. I believe that Howard County has both the desire and the resources to offer a premier public education. Howard county must ensure that high standards are set and met so that every child in attendance is challenged to meet his or her full potential.

- How should county schools address the needs of students who are not planning to attend college?

The school system should work to promote and increase the offerings and tracks of vocational education offered through our Career and Technology Education, like our new HVAC and Agricultural Science programs.

Students who enter a CTE program need to have assurances that the follow-on courses will be offered, and enrollment is guaranteed.

The school system needs to offer technology-based career certifications that do not require a college degree.