

Good evening everyone my name is Jacob Winter, I'm a sophomore at Brunswick High School, and I'm running for Student Member of the BOE.

If elected as SMOB, my sole and exclusive goal would be to represent the interests of every student in FCPS. To do so requires a plan which takes into account the diverse and wide ranging opinions and issues facing the student populace. Representation must span from kindergartners to seniors, from those in the most rural areas of the county to those in Frederick City, so that every individual is able to have a direct impact on their education. I will generate a feedback loop which ensures that students' concerns are discerned, conveyed to the board, and a pertinent response is coordinated and actuated. The education system does not work without you.

I want to make sure that the education system works for each student. Most importantly, this means letting students have input as to their individual learning experience. Allowing a choice between virtual, in person, one on one, or traditional classroom setting instruction is paramount. Some learning environments are simply more conducive for some students. As such, the education system needs to bend to their will, not the other way around. Making the education system work for everyone also entails eliminating redundancy in curriculum and standardized testing, allowing flexibility in schedule formation such that schedules are designed to fit each student's aptitudes and abilities, and increasing the number of counselors to ensure both an individual approach to education, and to increase mental health resources.

Perhaps the most important issue is SMOB voting rights. When 13 middle schools and 10 high schools elect an individual to represent their interests, that representative should have a legitimate say. Simply put, the largest group that makes up the school district should have some power over policy that will ultimately affect them the most.

That is the precise reason, that if elected, YOU will ultimately be the factor that determines what I advocate to the Board Of Education.

I will work tirelessly to ensure that each and every one of your voices is heard, and that each major concern the student body faces is brought to the attention of the Board of Education, and hopefully addressed.

If you believe in the power of your own voice and its ability to affect meaningful change, please consider supporting my campaign.

I'll work for you, so the education system works for everyone.