

Growing up in Harford County, my journey in student leadership began with a simple desire to make a difference in my school community. Little did I know that this journey would lead me to serve in executive positions on the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) Executive Board and the regional board as Vice President. These roles have not only shaped my understanding of student advocacy but have also fueled my passion for effecting positive change within our educational system.

Throughout my tenure on the MASC Executive Board, I have witnessed the power of student voices coming together to enact meaningful change. Attending the MASC convention for two consecutive years has been a highlight of my involvement, as I watched our regional representation grow and fostered connections with Student Members of the Board (SMOBs) from across the state. These experiences have solidified my commitment to serving as a representative for all students in Harford County on the Board of Education.

As a candidate for the Student Member of the Board of Education, my goals for the students I represent are deeply rooted in principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion. I believe that every student deserves to feel valued and supported in their educational journey, regardless of their background or identity. That's why I am committed to advocating for initiatives such as menstrual inclusivity and food inclusivity, ensuring that our school environment is welcoming and accommodating to all students. I envision organizing student food taste tests and establishing a formal student advisory council to provide ongoing input on diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.

Furthermore, I am passionate about enhancing student engagement and participation in the decision-making process. Leveraging my experience in social media outreach and student voice forums, I aim to bridge the gap between students and decision-makers, ensuring that student perspectives are heard and valued. Initiatives such as the SMOB Monthly Minute will serve as platforms to keep students informed about key board decisions and upcoming agenda items.

In collaboration with school administrators, teachers, and community stakeholders, I aspire to prioritize student well-being and academic achievement. This includes advocating for initiatives like magnet program expansion, increased transportation funding, and lower AP class costs to ensure equitable access to educational opportunities for all students. Additionally, I am dedicated to promoting mental health and self-care through proposals such as wellness days, recognizing the critical importance of holistic student support in fostering academic success.

In conclusion, my candidacy for the Student Member of the Board of Education is a testament to my unwavering commitment to serving as a voice for all students in Harford County. Drawing upon my personal experiences and leadership roles within MASC, I am prepared to make a meaningful impact on our educational community by advocating for

policies and initiatives that prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion, enhance student engagement, and prioritize student well-being and academic achievement. Together, we can work towards creating a school environment where every student feels empowered to thrive and succeed.