

STRONG SCHOOLS WORCESTER COUNTY NEWS

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We think you can REPLY ALL now!

Hopefully you can REPLY ALL to the email attaching this News. It took us a few tries to figure it out! Our goal is so everyone can read what's going on at their own convenience and then send **REPLY ALL** responses with questions, comments, suggestions, and offers to get involved when they have time!

Report from the first School Board Meeting:

New board member for District 6, Katie Addis was sworn in with the rest of the board. District 7 member Todd Ferrante was elected President and District 1 member Bill Buchanan was elected Vice President. Ms. Addis abstained during both elections.

The first order of business was Fall Sports athletic awards and photo ops. There were many proud parents there as well. The athletic program relates to "Minds in Motion" where athletes must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0. Each Coach who spoke recognized and placed value on the high percentage of Athlete Scholars who meet this goal. After these awards, all the student and parents left.

There were EIGHT representing Strong Schools Worcester County but no other community members in attendance. Three board members specifically stopped to thank us for being there!

The only comments were by our group. Joan Roache spoke about the goal of the Blueprint -- to transform public education in Maryland into a world-class education system that is both excellent and fair. She highlighted the areas where Maryland Schools need improvement and the general plan (pillars) that the Blueprint uses to guide school systems toward that goal.

Deborah Fisher-Reynolds spoke about the value of books that highlight diversity and social-emotional

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, February 13, Time TBD

Strong Schools Lobby Day in Annapolis

For more information, go to

<https://www.strongschoolsmaryland.org/>

Look for our Facebook page. We also have a Facebook Chat Group, if you'd like to join it, email Joan Roache, beachyogi@me.com. It's helpful for quick news.

Report from the first School Board Meeting cont'd:

learning where the character learns "it's Best to be Yourself."

Jan. 12 Bayside Gazette article:

In the article, "Commissioners looking to budget challenges" several Commissioners, including Chip Bertino make statements alluding to lack of funding for the Blueprint, which is not true. We have asked the folks at Strong Schools Maryland to pen an opinion or draft a letter to the editor that we could use. We are awaiting their response.

REMEMBER!

PLEASE EMAIL JOAN ROACHE IF YOU HEAR OR SEE ANYTHING THAT CONCERNS YOU! We can then

schedule a zoom meeting, coordinate letter writing or plan any other any appropriate response.