

Hello. My name is Matthew Molyett and I am running from District 1 for Howard County Board of Education. I am a parent and homeowner in Howard County. I am committed to the long term health and success of the community and schools. As a local tech professional focused on process optimization I know my way around correcting broken processes.

Here in Howard County, we can do better.

Unquestionably yes, students with disabilities should be a part of the general education classroom whenever possible. For well over half a century it has been established that segregated educational facilities are inherently unequal. To segregate students with disabilities from general education facilities would, at best, fragment an excellent faculty or, at worst, would create a horribly imbalanced two-tier education facility.

All students benefit from education occurring in the least restrictive environment. Mt Hebron's model of cross training their educators for special education is a model that shows promise. I look forward to many deep conversations with more advocates, parents, and educators about how to best support all of our students going forward.

Howard County schools cannot achieve the goal of providing equitable education without a robust commitment to the needs and our obligations to special education. Opportunity, achievement, and discipline are all areas where the status quo fails to meet that goal.

Serving on the board I will be a voting advocate for the advocates, parents, and educators of our special education community. The other members of the board will bring guidance and first hand experience which I will also draw upon to serve as a team.

I am dedicated to ensuring we provide the resources to identify and meet the needs of our students, of every single one.

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