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MCEA Announces Final Endorsements for 2026 Local Races

Rockville, MD - The Montgomery County Education Association is proud to announce its final endorsements for local races, including County Council District 2 and Board of Education District 5.

“We believe that these candidates will fight to preserve and protect public education during the good times and the bad,” said MCEA President David Stein. “Now more than ever, we need elected leaders who understand what our schools, students, and educators need to succeed.”

These newly endorsed candidates will now join MCEA’s other endorsed candidates on its Apple Ballot. “We now must turn our attention to getting these candidates, and all of our Apple Ballot-endorsed candidates, elected,” continued President Stein. “Our members are committed to helping the public understand why these are the candidates best suited to serve our students and our public education community.”

MCEA is proud to include the following candidates in its June 2026 primary election endorsements:

- Marilyn Balcombe, County Council District 2
- Elma-Lorraine Diggs, Board of Education District 5

See the full list of MCEA’s Apple Ballot-endorsed candidates [here](#).

MCEA’s parent affiliate, the Maryland State Education Association, will announce its endorsed candidates for state races.

MCEA represents more than 14,000 classroom teachers, school counselors, speech pathologists, media specialists, and other educators in Montgomery County, MD. MCEA is committed to ensuring that public schools are excellent places for students to learn and for educators to work. For more information, visit mceanea.org.

