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MCEA Opens Endorsement Process for General Election

Rockville, MD - The Montgomery County Education Association will open its endorsement process for November's General Election as it has in previous election cycles after primary races conclude. "We're pleased to announce that our endorsement process is open to any eligible candidate who has successfully filed and won their primary election race," said MCEA President David Stein.

Candidates whom MCEA previously endorsed do not need to go through the process for the General Election. MCEA is only considering endorsing General Election races in which MCEA does not have an endorsed candidate.

MCEA will hold interviews on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, between 6 and 8 pm for eligible candidates who have completed and submitted MCEA's candidate questionnaire.

Questionnaires are due by Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 5 pm. "I encourage any eligible candidate to seriously consider going through the Apple Ballot endorsement process," MCEA Political Action and Legislative Support Committee Chair Stephanie Gawlinski said. "The power of an Apple Ballot endorsement, which is decided by the elected representatives of 14,000 MCEA members, was evident in last June's primary election results."

Please email mceapals@mceanea.org to learn more about the process and request the candidate questionnaire.

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.