

BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION ALERT!



LEARN ABOUT THE PROCEDURES FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY'S 1ST EVER SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

First time events can be confusing. For that reason, the League of Women Voters of Baltimore County has prepared this Board of Education Election Primer. We sincerely hope the following information will clarify how this election came about and how it will proceed.

1. In 2014 the Maryland State legislature passed legislation changing the Board of Education of Baltimore County from an appointed Board to a hybrid board—partially elected, partially appointed.
 - A. **Seven** members of the Board of Education will be elected, one from each of the **County's 7 councilmanic districts** in November 2018.
 - B. **Four** members of the Board of Education will be appointed by the Governor from a list submitted by the **School Board Nominating Commission**, a broad based citizens' committee that vetted candidates seeking to be appointed.
 - C. A student member will become a Board Member via a student involved process.
2. The School Board Election Process will proceed as follows:
 - A. Candidates running for the Board of Education (aka School Board) will run on a **non-partisan** basis. This means they are not representing any party.
 - B. In councilmanic districts in which **3 or more candidates** are running, their names will be on the ballot for the June 26th primary election. Their names will appear on both the Democrat and the Republican ballots.
 - C. In councilmanic districts in which **only 2 candidates** are running, both candidates will automatically be placed on the ballot for the November 6th General Election.
 - D. Unaffiliated voters and those registered in minor parties **CAN VOTE** for Board of Education candidates by requesting a ballot which has **ONLY** Board of Education candidates' names.

Because the names of those running for Board of Education will be the last names listed on the ballot, the League of Women Voters urges all voters to be sure to look for these names and to vote for the candidate of their choice. The education of the children in our Baltimore County Public Schools depends on you.
