

NON-PARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION AT LARGE CANDIDATES – 6th question
on ALL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOTS

Alternatives: What options, if any, would you support for non college-bound students?

Jeanette Dixon I would support year-long apprenticeships where students could learn by hands on experience while in high school. I would expand the offerings of the Thomas Edison Vocational High School in consultation with what the county businesses tell us they need in their workers with an emphasis on students getting licenses in the health care, restaurant management and technology fields.

Mike Ibanez Engage students with a Performing Arts High School, Aviation High School, Two Year Associates Degree High School. Provide students Information Technology IT Curriculum to include different tracks leading to professional certificates for Cisco and Microsoft, Coding, and Networking. Provide on the job training and internships that lead to employment in the IT sector upon high school graduation.

Sebastian Johnson Montgomery County has a great model at Edison High School, which has given students practical skills for several career pathways. To provide more opportunities like these, we should expand career and technical education offerings at comprehensive high schools, and forge partnerships with business and community organizations that can give our students the hands-on experiences they need to succeed.

Phil Kauffman Not every child will go on to college. MCPS needs to do better with job preparation programs for students who are interested in career opportunities upon graduation. MCPS must work with the employer community to define the skills most essential in today's economy. The Edison program and our various career pathways should be adapted to create more programs across the county to address this need.

Gwendolyn Love Kimbrough My professional experience includes educational disparities research; founder, residential treatment facility for emotionally disturbed adolescents; Asst to Superintendent, DCPS; Charter School Board member and a PhD, psychologist. My life experiences and educational training have garnered a trove of resources re diversity and education and I would like the opportunity to give back.