

Education – March 8, 2016

Ellen Flynn Giles will attend the April 12th OM Board meeting. The committee will meet tonight to discuss topics we want to cover. Topics I already plan to cover include: Universal Pre-K, OM's transportation policy proposal, OM's redistricting policy proposal.

As a reminder, our transportation policy proposal would amend HCPSS transportation policy to require the school system to provide transportation to children who are districted to a school other than the one closest to them, regardless of distance to the new school. This addresses situations like Talbott Springs-Stevens Forest where children who live next to Talbott Springs must walk to Stevens Forest because, despite it being much further away, it is still within the 1 mile transportation radius of their homes.

Our redistricting policy would prevent redistricting that causes the rate of kids needing free and reduced meals at a school to increase above 150% of the county average or decrease below 67% of the county average.

Thank you to Brigitta for re-establishing the school news e-mail distribution.

Meet members of the Board of Education at a Coffee & Conversation on March 17th at 7:30 p.m. at Dunloggin Middle School, 9129 Northfield Rd., Ellicott City.

On March 19 from 1 to 5, the League of Women Voters will hold a Board of Education Candidates' Forum in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Courthouse Drive in Ellicott City. This will also be broadcast on Comcast channel 95 and Verizon channel 42.