



Howard County | Maryland

health, safety and equity in education

BOE General Election Candidate School Hours Questionnaire

Please return to: sslhoco@gmail.com

Candidate Name: _____

1. Based on the research that later middle and high school start times increase graduation rates and decrease absenteeism, with disadvantaged students benefiting the most from age-appropriate school hours, do you agree that HCPSS high schools should start at 8:30 am or later?

2. Based on the proposed start times presented by DSG at the July 14, 2022 BOE meeting, if high schools are kept as the first tier, elementary schools would have to start at 9:45am in order for high schools to start at the desired 8:30am. As determined during the shift in start times during the pandemic, 9:45 am is too late for elementary school kids to begin their day. Do you agree with the BOE that DSG should revisit their analysis with elementary school starting school as the first tier at 8am?

3. When DSG comes back to the BOE in November/December with the additional analysis switching tier 1 and tier 3, elementary starting in tier 1 and high school starting in tier 3, would you be open to this scenario? Why or why not?

4. Is there anything else you would like your constituents and future voters to know about your position on safe, healthy, and age-appropriate school hours?