

UNFORMATTED VOTERS GUIDE 2000

My name is Christopher Lloyd, and I am running for Student Member of the Board (SMOB). The grounding principle that is the foundation of my campaign is that *all students in MCPS should be successful*. Through my comprehensive plans for change and competency as a leader, athlete, and student, I am the best candidate to be the next Student Member of the Board.

WHO I AM

- I've been a Montgomery County resident all of my life and have always been a person with integrity and a strong leader within everything that I've done.
- All of my friends and fellow classmates know that I am kind, honest, and a take-action kind of a guy.
- Along with being a leader, I am a typical student just like all of you. I know the struggles, challenges, and temptations that school life can offer. One of the reasons I am best suited for this position is that I can truly represent the student views within the county.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Currently enrolled in the Leadership Training Institute
- Member of the John F. Kennedy HS Cross Country Team (1999)
- Member of the John F. Kennedy HS Wrestling Team (1999-2000)
- Former class SGA representative
- John F. Kennedy HS MCR delegate
- Varsity letter for outdoor track (1999)
- Recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Award for citizenship (outstanding leadership and community service)
- Recipient of the W.E.B. Dubois Talented Tenth Award for Academic Excellence
- Staff writer for JFK newspaper the New Frontier
- Honor roll student
- Graduate of the Eastern Humanities and Communication Magnet Program

MY PLAN OF ACTION AS SMOB

- I. Give MCPS students a greater voice in issues that affect their learning and social environment
 - A. Lift the vote exceptions placed on the current student member of the board.
 - B. Increase the weight of the student member of the board's vote so it better reflects the administration to student ratio within the county.
 - C. Develop policy that mandates individual school administration gets student input on issues that affect learning and social environment.
- II. Promote educational success through students whom are informed about MCPS issues.
 - A. Create a new monthly student newsletter distributed to all school clusters that highlight current educational trends and alert students to current county school issues.
 - B. Promote the communication between school administration and student body.
- III. Develop new and expand upon existing programs that seek out parental and community involvement in student education.
 - A. Assist in the creation of a public relations committee for each school district.
 - B. Work with business community to find and create exciting intern opportunities for students.

IV. Harness the educational interest of high achieving students in MCPS.

- A. Encourage and assist in the development of new signature programs within schools.
- B. Have greater support for existing signature and magnet programs.
- C. Develop new and exciting summertime and weekend educational programs for all students.

WHERE I STAND

1. On ID tags and other extreme security measures: I'm not in favor of using "band-aid" solutions like ID tags to solve the continuing safety issue in our schools. I think that the over half million dollars being spent on such things (FY 2001 budget) should go towards real solutions, like training teachers to recognize problem students and hiring more counselors, not security guards.
2. Cell phones: I think that all students should be allowed to carry cell phones as long as they do not disrupt classroom education. However, the cell phone policy is a Maryland law that has nothing to do with the school system of board of education. Don't let any candidate trick you by saying they'll change it. I will however lobby that this law be changed and work to lessen current punishments for cell phone policy violators.
3. Middle school sports and activity fees: Being an athlete I am in favor of sport activities for students of all ages, especially middle school students. I think that my involvement in sports has helped me a lot, and I think sports provide great structure and balance to everyone's day. I have always been in favor of a reduction of the \$40 activity fee and stand behind the decision made to reduce it to \$20 next year.

A COUPLE WAYS I DIFFER FROM MY OPPONENT

- Unlike my opponent, I have a clear plan of action set to deal with the core issues concerning student voice. I believe that before you can take on the bigger issues like open lunch, driver's education, and double "A" exemption, you have to start at the base of increasing student voice in the county and get students informed. It's the only way to make it work.

- Instead of paying double the price for after school activity school busses, I am in favor of better utilizing the Ride-On bus token system currently in place. As an athlete I know they come in handy, and if I end up not needing to use the token, they come in handy if you want to go the mall or another activity. I think MCPS should have as much money as possible for student education.

- My opponent has also said he wants to "Eliminate the \$40 activity fee" and at the same time says he "Strongly supports middle school sports..." The truth is, it is the activity fee that allows middle school sports programs to exist. I along with many don't understand this contradicting philosophy.

PLEASE MAKE THE SMART CHOICE MAY 4TH!

- I am urging you to make the smart choice and vote for me, Christopher Lloyd, for Student Member of the Board. I would be honored to gain the position, and honored to be the first student ever from John F. Kennedy High School to be the Student Member of the Board. There is no better candidate out there, so make the right choice that will help every student in Montgomery County Public Schools succeed. Thank you very much for your support.