

Howard County Board of Education
Candidate Response from
Allen Dyer

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Biographical Information:

Allen Dyer
Age – 60 years
Lawyer, Computer Consultant, Blacksmith

I am an active Maryland attorney experienced in applying the *Education Article of the Maryland Code* to difficult cases. I graduated from the USAF Academy in 1968, served as a combat pilot in the Vietnam War and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. In addition, I am a computer consultant specializing in computer systems for professionals (lawyers, doctors & dentists). I am also an active blacksmith and serve on the board of the Blacksmith Guild of Central Maryland but my blacksmithing activities, however rewarding, are not for profit.

My wife and I moved to Howard County 19 years ago and both of our children attended and graduated from the Howard County Public Schools System.

I am running because I believe the BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS. The decisions of the Board not only directly affect today's quality of life — Board of Education decisions also shape the future and change the fates of our children.

The most important problem facing our schools is the proper allocation of teachers. Over the years, teacher tend to migrate away from the schools where they are most needed. The Board needs to establish an incentive system that will give the Superintendent the ability to precisely position our best teachers where they are most needed.

I love debate, analytical thinking, and creative problem solving. As a part of the local decision making process, I know I can be a creative force for positive change. I will make a difference.