

**Allen Dyer,**  
**Candidate for Board of Education for Howard County**  
**Response to Questions from *The Washington Post***

Date: Wed, 5 Jul 2006 21:51:09 UT  
From: voters@washpost.com  
To: aldyer@lawlab.com  
Subject: The Washington Post Voters Guide--Watch for your letter!

Allen Dyer,

The Washington Post will publish Voters Guides in the local Extra sections of the newspaper and on-line at [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com) for the September 12 Primary Election. These guides will offer our readers some basic information on the candidates based on the information they provide.

Participation in the Voters Guide is free and offers candidates an opportunity to introduce themselves to the public.

In addition to your biographical information, we would like to include your photo and answers to a few questions.

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In addition to some basic background information, you'll be asked two questions:

What is the most urgent issue facing your jurisdiction? (in 100 words or less) and Why should voters elect you? (in 25 words or less). You may want to prepare your responses to these two questions in advance.

Filling out the questionnaire should take no more than 20-30 minutes of your time.

**OUR DEADLINE TO RECEIVE THEM IS JULY 17.**

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call at 202-334-7133 to reach Melissa McCullough, the Voters Guide Coordinator, or our staff.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Melissa McCullough and staff

Question #1 — What is the most urgent issue facing your jurisdiction?  
(in 100 words or less)

**A strong education system is the foundation for Howard County's success and future. Sustaining that quality of education will be a challenge. To meet that challenge we must attract and retain world class teachers— teachers who, should they so choose, can afford to live in the communities they serve. Our education budget must spend funds wisely and provide liveable salaries and benefits for starting level teachers who are the best and the brightest. This also means the Board must forcefully advocate for supplemental state and federal funding consistent with the opportunities we are committed to provide for every Howard County child.**

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Question #2: Why should voters elect you? (in 25 words or less).

**I believe our schools, working with local businesses, must provide a strong foundation in science, math & technology. Our children are great, we can do better.**

**Allen Dyer, Candidate  
Board of Education for Howard County**