

Everyday Mt. Hebron students are reminded to think before they act. I ask the same of you but with the request that you think before you vote. Every aspect of a child's education is important. Although complete and full information is lacking in this process, we have enough information to know that improvement in only 4 areas will leave many deficient areas unaddressed with no plan to revisit or remediate such areas in the future. This is unacceptable for those of us, whether teacher, administrator, or parent, who share in the mission of the Howard County Public School System to ensure excellence in teaching and learning so that each student will participate responsibly in a diverse and changing world.

How can you choose one part of a child's education over another when such decision is based on insufficient information and without full exploration of needs and possible remedies? I ask that you refuse to compromise the education of current and future Hebron students, because that is what your vote will mean. Instead stand up for these students and ensure that any decision reached by this committee is based on a full and open discussion of needs, deficiencies, and possible remedies.

I make a motion that this vote is tabled until the following occurs:

- a. The Howard County Board of Education provides direction in writing to the Design Committee in writing to either comply with or violate the guidelines of Policy 6020 in regards to the design process for the proposed Mt. Hebron High School renovation.
- b. Each department head (or designated spokesperson) have the opportunity to address the committee on the full needs of their department and the deficiencies (if any) that exist and hinder their ability to fully deliver the program.
- c. The Committee is provided accurate information regarding the square footage of the school, department use of school, and teaching stations available to the school as defined by the State of Maryland and as compared to HCPSS standards.
- d. The Howard County School System identifies a comprehensive menu of needs and cost of the programmatic solutions for Mt. Hebron High School.
- e. A discussion occurs in which the repercussions of not addressing a deficiency is fully explored and a time table is determined to address all needs of the school.

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest. ~Benjamin Franklin

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance. ~Attributed to both Andy McIntyre and Derek Bok