



FAIR ACCESS

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FAIR ACCESS STATEMENT REGARDING DR. JUDY DOCCA PASSING

Poolesville, Maryland - The Western County and Poolesville lost a strong, principled, and committed advocate with the recent passing of Montgomery County Public Schools' Board of Education Vice President, Dr. Judy Docca. Judy represented District 1, which encompasses almost all the Ag Reserve. She was always and foremost a teacher, educator and booster of kids and their welfare. She was also deeply committed to equity. We saw that up close as Judy helped guide our efforts to successfully advocate for the rebuilding of our aged high school. She told us very simply, "We are going to get what Poolesville deserves."

Judy was an educator and eventually principal in MCPS schools for 36 years. But that was just one side of Judy. She was also deeply committed to community as a long-time member and leader of the NAACP in Montgomery County and president of the Montgomery County Alliance of Black School Educators.

Judy had a passion, a fire, to help kids achieve and ensure equity in how we educate our children. A quote from William Butler Yeats fits Judy so well "Education is not the filling of a pail, but rather the lighting of a fire," a fire to want to learn and grow.

We are saddened by Judy's passing and have her loved ones and family in our prayers.

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About Fair Access Committee

The Fair Access Committee is comprised of Western Montgomery County, Md. residents who represent the interests of students, parents, senior citizens, farmers, and non-profit organizations in support of a fair quality of life. Fair Access serves to engage Montgomery County and State elected representatives to promote fair access to facilities and services provided elsewhere in the County. For more information on ***Fair Access for Western Montgomery County***, visit www.poolesvillemd.gov/fairaccess

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