

Good Afternoon to whom this may concern,

Michele Guyton is putting forth this bill to initiate something very common sense. A school is a place for learning and a place for our children to feel safe. So many of our children find solace in our great schools because they are where they eat, see their friends and learn from our wonderful Baltimore county teachers. We've learned that especially during this pandemic. Some of our children are missing out on that peaceful location right and we can tell.

Well, when they get back, we want everything to be ready for them. We are taking precautions to keep them healthy and wise, lets also focus on their safety and their mental health too. Schools are not a place where any of them should see images or symbols that make them feel less than or not accepted. Any of these hateful symbols, swastikas and confederate flags for example, are not welcome in a place that should be a peaceful site for everyone. Regardless of your feelings about said symbols, though I strongly believe they should be banned everywhere, you cannot ignore that they are very divisive. In our schools they should only be seen as a way to learn about our mistakes and how to create a better future. Nothing more.

Part of why I love Baltimore County so much is because it is diverse, and everyone can find their place. Let's not let symbols of hate alienate any of us and hurt that diversity that helps make us so great.

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