

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to oppose the bill for Student Members of School Boards (SMOB) to be allowed to vote for any budgetary items. My reasons are simple:

Most SMOB's aren't old enough to vote in government elections

Most SMOB's do not own a home, have to budget household income and expenses

Most SMOB's lack life experience to understand the full magnitude of financial decisions and how their vote can affect many different kinds of families, households, citizens and stakeholders of their school system.

Most SMOB's lack budgetary experience in general

Over the past few years, I have been watching various school board meetings across the state from Baltimore County, Montgomery County, Carrol County and Harford County. In every board meeting I find the SMOB to be overwhelmingly under prepared for the bigger issues, immature (shown with crying and tantrums) and having the lack of knowledge and experience to be voting on most topics. Having a SMOB vote on budget items that represent the taxpayers when they are not a taxpayer themselves nor do they represent the taxpayer voice, makes no sense. I do not want a child voting on items that affect my hard earned money paid into the system.

Please VOTE NO to the Bill