Questions and Answers Regarding Ballots for Board of Education

Question: How will Board of Education appear on my ballot in 2020?

Answer: Due to a change in law, Howard County will vote Board of Education members by Councilmanic District in 2020. This means that the Board of Education Districts mirror the Councilmanic Districts.

Question: How do I know what Councilmanic/Board of Education District I am in?

Answer: You can look on your Voter Notification Card, visit the Polling Place Locator at https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/where.html and find your Voting Districts, or contact the Howard County Board of Elections at (410) 313-5820.

Question: What Board of Education candidates will appear on my ballot?

Answer: Only the candidates running for Board of Education in your Councilmanic/Board of Education District will appear on your ballot. For example, if you are in Councilmanic/Board of Education District 3, only candidates in Councilmanic/Board of Education District 3 will appear on your ballot.

Question: How many candidates will I vote for in the Board of Education contest?

Answer: You can vote for one (1) person in the Board of Education contest. The two candidates that receive the most votes from each Councilmanic/Board of Education District will move on to the general election.

Question: Will my district have candidates running for Board of Education?

Answer: Every Councilmanic/Board of Education District will have candidates for Board of Education on the ballot **except for Councilmanic/Board of Education District 1**. Since there were only two candidates who filed for District 1, both candidates automatically move on to the general election. These candidates will appear on the general election ballot in November.

Question: Since Councilmanic/Board of Education District 1 does not have a Board of Education contest, if I am not registered as a Democrat or Republican, will I have a ballot in the primary election in District 1?

Answer: If you are not registered as a Democrat or Republican and live in Councilmanic/Board of Education District 1, you will not have a ballot for Board of Education in the primary election. If you live in **Councilmanic/Board of Education District 1 and Congressional District 7**, you will have a ballot for the **special general election only**. If you live in precincts **1-1, 1-2, 1-8, 1-13, 1-16, or 1-17**, you will **not** have a ballot in the primary election. You can look on your Voter Notification Card, visit the Polling Place Locator at https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/where.html to see if you live in one of those precincts or contact the Howard County Board of Elections at (410) 313-5820.

Question: Who do I contact if I have additional questions or need additional clarification?

Answer: Contact either the Maryland State Board of Elections at (410) 269-2840, or the Howard County Board of Elections at (410) 313-5820.

Please Note: *The Howard County Board of Elections sends a sample ballot to every registered voter preceding each election. Your sample ballot will contain the entire ballot you will be voting on election day. You will receive your sample ballot before the election and can also view it online on the State Board of Elections website.*