

Young Voices **Matter**

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Contest question: What is an issue affecting MCPS students that **you** feel strongly about?

Background: The MoCo Student is Montgomery County's countywide online student newspaper aimed at presenting fresh and relevant information written **for** Montgomery County students, **by** Montgomery County students.

We believe that **youth engagement** and **empowerment** is crucial in boosting the quality of MCPS education.

Contest Rules:

⇒ Participant must be enrolled in an MCPS school (grades 8-12)

Essays must...

⇒ Contain between 500-1000 words

⇒ Be the original work of the participant

⇒ Not include the name of the participant

Judging:

Essays will be judged based on originality, ability to persuade, writing style, and grammar.

Prizes:

1st place: \$100

2nd place: \$50

3rd place: \$25

Visit <http://mocostudent.org/contest> to submit your essay by:

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