

Dear SECAC Member:

I ask for your vote for me to serve as your co-secretary on the SECAC-PG Board. I have reviewed the duties of SECAC secretary/co-secretary position and have the experience to assist the secretary in the performance of those duties. Also, I am known to be a hard worker, effective problem-solver and supportive team member.

I've been greatly troubled by the significant failures of our county's special education services. I became aware of PGCPs' special education deficits in January 2023 when I volunteered to assist a then 12-year-old student with disabilities and his mother whose son had been suspended while the middle school pursued his expulsion.

I didn't know my willingness to assist the family would begin a long and difficult road to right wrongs nor that the need to help the mother in the fight for her now 15-year-old-son to receive services he is entitled to as a student with disabilities continues.

As a former PGCPs school board member (2010-2014), a master's licensed social worker with an additional master's degree in administration and a county resident for 30+ years, I have a long-standing record of commitment in serving Prince George's County families and children.

In addition to my direct service to families and children, I have extensive knowledge of bureaucratic and government systems and quite a bit practical experience repairing troubled systems and building quality programs.

I am eager to contribute my knowledge and experience as SECAC works with PGCPs in addressing with a sense of urgency their significant problems with consistently properly serving students with disabilities and the need for purposeful action.

If selected, I would bring my commitment, knowledge and experience to the work. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve as co-secretary and support SECAC Board and members in it's important work and ask for your vote.

Regards.

Peggy Higgins
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