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## **Two juniors selected as final candidates for Student Member of the Board of Education** *Middle and high school students to make selection on Wednesday, Mar. 17*

TOWSON – Masah Farh of Towson High School and Roah Hassan of Perry Hall High School have emerged as the final two candidates for student member of the Board of Education of Baltimore County for the 2022-2023 school year.

Farh and Hassan were selected following application reviews and Jan. 27 interviews with a panel of students and staff.

Farh, a junior, participates in the Law and Public Policy program at Towson High. She serves as vice president of Speech and Debate at her school and takes part in Model Congress and Model United Nations. She represents Towson High on the Baltimore County Student Councils' Board of Selected Students. She has volunteered at the State Department, completed a work study program with the Library of Congress, and served on the Principal's Advisory Board and Executive Board for Law and Public Policy. This year, she has a federal internship with the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

Hassan, also a junior, is president of the Perry Hall Class of 2023 Senate. At her school, she is also vice president of Girls Up, events coordinator of the Muslim Student Association, historian of the Rotary Interact Club, and secretary of Mock Trial. Hassan tutors and mentors Perry Hall AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) sophomores. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Social Studies Honor Society. At the county level, she is the co-legislative affairs coordinator for Baltimore County Student Councils. At the state level, she is vice chair of the Maryland High School

Democrats' Women's Caucus, co-founder/co-executive director of Mic Up, Maryland!, and legislative coordinator of the Maryland Center for School Safety Student Focus Group.

Middle and high school students will cast online ballots on Wednesday, Mar. 17, for either Farh or Hassan. This is the second year, due to a change in Maryland law, that BCPS students will directly select the student member of the Board, without approval from the governor.

Videotaped speeches from the two candidates will be available online, on social media, and in selected English language arts and social studies classes from Tuesday, Feb. 22, to Friday, Feb. 26. Also during that week, middle and high school students will be able to submit questions to the two candidates. Videos of the candidates answering selected questions will be available for online viewing on Thursday, Mar. 17. On that same day, student voting will take place online from 7 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

*(Editor's Note – Photographs of Farh and Hassan accompany this release.)*

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