

# IndivisibleHoCoMD

## School shootings: US vs other countries

The US has had 57 times as many school shootings as the other major industrialized nations combined. To see how this data was curated read more here.

### What you can do:

1. <u>Sign</u> the National Education Association letter to Congress. Lily Eskelsen García, President of the National Education Association said: "We, as a society, must do better to protect our students from gun violence inside and outside of schools ... The reality is that if we really want to stop gun violence, Congress needs to pass comprehensive legislation. Our elected representatives must take every step necessary to keep our schools, students, and educators safe from gun violence. Email your representative and demand that they act now."

- 2. June 2 and 3 are national Wear Orange days to call attention to the toll of gun violence. Events are planned across Maryland, including Howard County. Detailed info below under events.
- 3. Work to build a blue wave in November. Sensible laws to prevent gun violence will never be passed until we have enough sensible legislators in Congress to vote for them. This summer, Indivisible Baltimore will be running a canvassing effort in PA-1, an important step towards taking control of the House of Representatives. Contact Alexandra (alexandraneuhausfollini@gmail.com) to get involved.

# EDUCATION

**School Calendar:** Larry Hogan's executive order to open schools after Labor Day and end the school year by June 15 has been contentious from the start and led to headaches in Howard County this year. His decision put business interests before student needs. This is yet another reason why it is important to elect a Governor who will put students first.

HCPSS has announced <u>changes for the 2018-19 school calendar</u> made possible because of recent state legislation allowing school systems to extend the school year for five additional school days beyond June 15.

This Washington Post<u>article</u> details how the governor has agreed to a partial fix that "doesn't solve the worst aspect of his intervention, which is the harm to poor and at-risk children." **BOE CANDIDATE SURVEY**: Candidates for the Board of Education are non-partisan, meaning that party affiliation is not listed on the ballot and candidates don't receive election support from parties. The Education Action Team has requested each candidate to complete a survey questionnaire to help educate voters on their positions and priorities. Visit the IndivisibleHoCoMD website <u>here</u> to read the nine responses.

# **EVENTS**





#### Join Moms Demand Action of Howard County & Local Community Partners on National Gun Violence Awareness Day to Raise Awareness for the Movement to End Gun Violence

On June 2nd, residents, survivors, students, elected officials, faith organizations, teachers, community leaders and families in Howard County will join together to #WearOrange to show that there is a growing movement of Americans committed to stop gun violence.

#### WHAT

A community gathering to honor victims and survivors of gun violence, and an opportunity to unite in our shared commitment to end gun violence.

The family-friendly event will include kids' crafts and activities, speakers, survivor activities, community resources, refreshments and more!

#### FREE ORANGE T-SHIRTS

Free t-shirts for children under 12 to decorate (while supplies last).

#### WHEN

June 2, 2018 2:00 - 4:30 PM

#### WHERE

VFW 4225 VFW Lane (off Old Columbia Pike) Ellicott City, MD 21043

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

TEXT ORANGE to 644-33 EMAIL hocomomsdemand@gmail.com





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The RISE Coalition of Western Maryland (Resources for Immigrant Support and Empowerment) Presents...

# IMMIGRANT CELEBRATION DAY

### This family event will feature:

- Sample foods from local restaurants
- Cultural dance and musical performances
- Health and wellness resources
- Voter registration drive
- Introduction to legal aid and immigration resources

SATURDAY JUNE 2, 2018 IOAM – 3PM VISTA SHOPPING CENTER 1080 W PATRICK ST FREDERICK, MD

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: RISECOALITIONMD@GMAIL.COM

AVALON THEATRE Join Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Eastern Shore Land



Conservancy, ShoreRivers, and Waterfowl Chesapeake for a screening of <u>High</u> <u>Tide in Dorchester</u>

Produced and directed by local artists Sandy Cannon-Brown, Dave Harp, and Tom Horton, this new film explores the impacts of climate change on our coastal communities. Are we prepared for sea level rise? What changes can we expect to see on the Eastern Shore? The film addresses these questions and more through in-depth interviews with local experts, personal anecdotes, and award-winning filmmaking.

Thursday, May 31, 2018 Doors: 5:30 p.m.; Show: 6:30 p.m. Avalon Theatre, Easton, MD \$15

**Buy Tickets** 

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