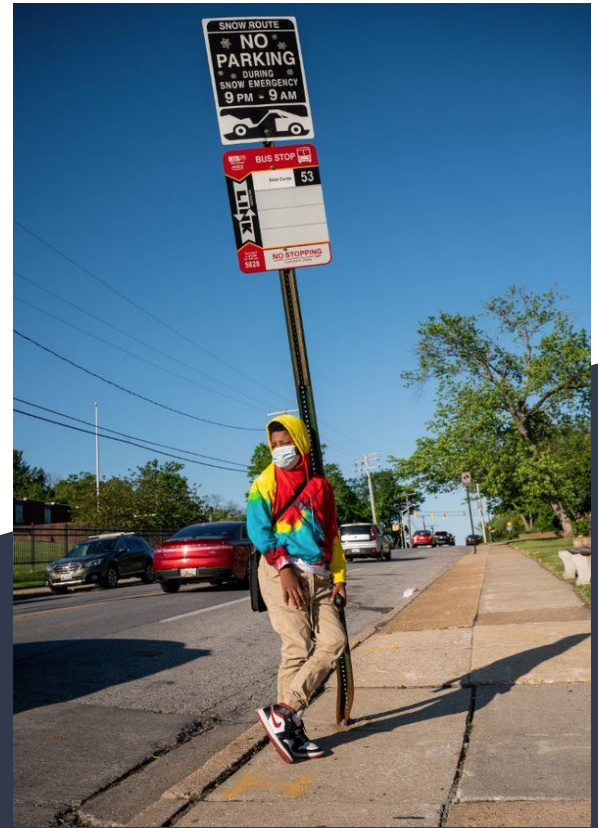
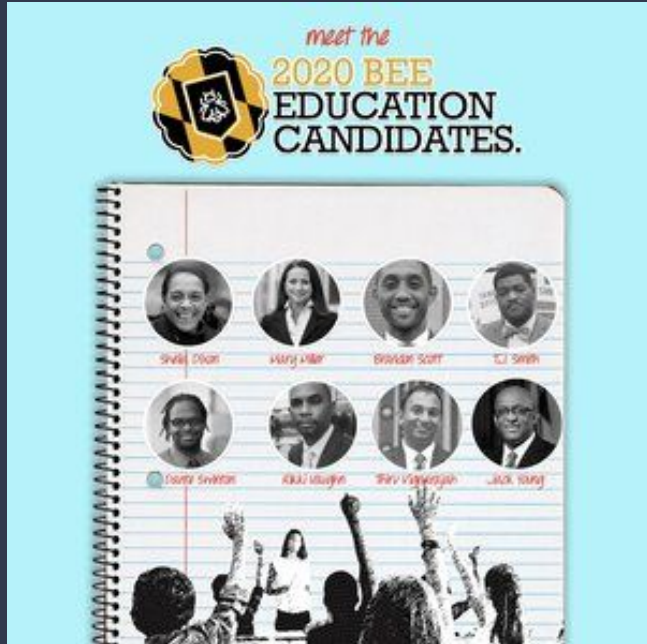


NOT IN SERVICE a **Year-and-a-Half Later: Student Transit Equity**

Partnerships, stories, and updates on recommendations



What is BEE?



Baltimoreans for educational equity (BEE) is a group of teachers, former teachers, families, students, and allies who work collectively to achieve educational equity at the district, city, and state level.

The Fund for Educational Excellence



- Independent nonprofit organization working to close the equity and opportunity gaps for all students in Baltimore City Public Schools.
- We believe that a strong public school system is the foundation for the health and success of Baltimore.
- Our mission: We expand resources, identify and accelerate solutions, and recognize excellence so that all children in Baltimore City Public Schools experience an effective and equitable education.



Our Partnership: The Fund for Educational Excellence & BEE

- The Fund and BEE started working together in 2021, when *NOT IN SERVICE: Why Public Transit Must Aim to Serve Students* was released
- Because of this partnership, we have done the following:
 - Supported and hosted City Council hearing on student transit
 - Pushed for legislation that resulted in some changes for students including a change from a physical onecard pass to using charmpass app
 - Co-hosted Education Candidates Gubernatorial Forum in June 2022
 - Contributed to Governors Transition Plan
 - Supported BRTA related bills this session (HB 491/SB 465)

Student Stories

Matteo Magaldi—Baltimore City
College Student

Imani's Story

<https://youtu.be/v6hXFdEc9IA>

Na'im's Story

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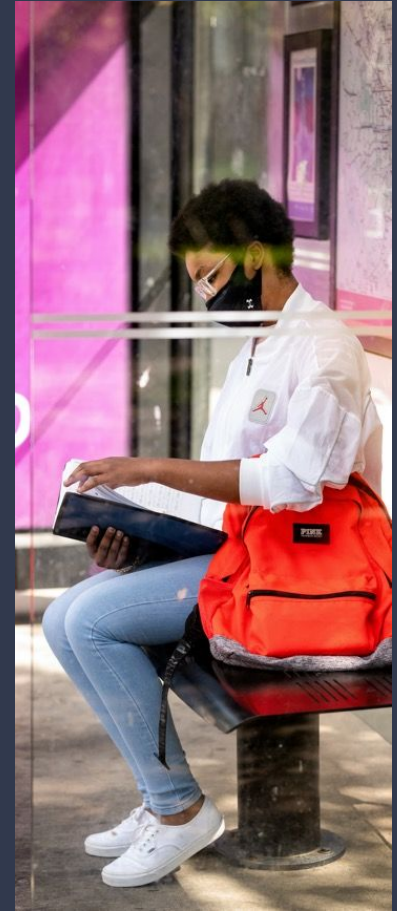
Updates on Recommendations

Improved Service

- **Student recommendation:** The MTA should run more buses more frequently.
- **Student recommendation:** The MTA should improve the TransitApp.
- The MTA should take City Schools student riders into account when developing regular bus service, not just supplemental service.
- Joint effort to re-start Red Line development and implementation.

Access for Students

- **Student recommendation:** Bus operators should allow City Schools students to board buses, even if they have lost their OneCard or left it at home.
- City Schools, the City of Baltimore, and the MTA should partner to provide City Schools students unlimited free access to MTA to get to school, after-school programming, internships, and jobs.
- The MTA should transition student passes from the OneCard to a CharmPass, where possible.



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Safety

- **Student Recommendation:** The MTA, the City of Baltimore, and City Schools should add more shelters and better lighting to bus stops.
- Joint initiative to combat sexual harassment on transit and at or around transit stations and bus stops.



Communication & Accountability

- City Schools and the MTA should strengthen the existing memorandum of understanding (MOU) to define and outline expectations for each agency.
- MTA should allot seats on its MTA Citizens Advisory Committee to City Schools students in proportion to their share of ridership in the Baltimore region.
- MTA should make more data available to the public through the dashboard on its website.
- Develop awareness among school-based and central office staff of what students are going through to get to school.
- Launch a Know Your Ride campaign aimed at helping students and parents consider commute as part of the school choice process and providing schools with materials about the tripper routes that serve each school.

Want to Learn More?

- We invite you to meet directly with a member of the leadership team to explore how you can get more involved.



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