

Trans people share fears after divisive campaign

Small minority was big topic in local school board races

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Transgender people in Anne Arundel County are struggling with anxiety and harassment after being the topic of conversation for candidates running for the Board of Education during the most recent election.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools' LGBTQ+ policy, adopted in 2021, says students have the right to

be addressed by a name and pronoun that corresponds with their gender identity and to use school facilities that align with their gender identity.

The district has 84,452 students, and roughly 1% of the population in the United States identifies as transgender, according to the Williams Institute.

In Districts 3, 5 and 7, the campaigns were divided on how to accommodate transgender and nonbinary students in Anne Arundel

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