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**JOANNA BACHE TOBIN ADVANCES TO GENERAL ELECTION
TO HOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 6 SEAT**

Community Leaders Endorse Bache Tobin

(Annapolis, Md.) Joanna Bache Tobin is one of two Board of Education candidates for District 6 moving forward to the general election. The long-time Annapolis resident and former St. John’s College faculty member won 28.8% of votes in the five-person primary.

“Now more than ever, our schools need experienced leaders who will demand accountability and equity for all of our students and weather what will be a challenging upcoming school year,” said Bache Tobin. “I am thankful for all who supported my primary campaign and honored by those who have faith in my abilities to make a positive difference on the Board of Education.”

Bache Tobin will run her campaign highlighting her 20 years of experience as an educator, 10 years evaluating schools across the country, and as a parent of a 2020 Annapolis High School graduate.

Three issues are at the top of Bache Tobin’s priority list: (1) ensuring every student has the necessary resources to learn, (2) creating a workable structure for attracting and retaining the best teachers for Anne Arundel County, and (3) holding AACPS accountable for effectiveness and transparency.

“After a decade of evaluating schools, I know how to ask the hard questions to get the answers parents demand of school leadership,” said Bache Tobin. “As we confront the disruptive effects of Covid-19, strong oversight and leadership on the board have never been more important.”

Three community leaders recently endorsed Bache Tobin. “She has the passion and collaborative skills to create a more transparent and effective system that works for all of our families and students,” said Annapolis resident Rob Levit.

“Every once in a while there is a candidate who rises above all others, said Sharon Blugis, a District 6 resident and member of the Anne Arundel County Democratic Central Committee. “Joanna is that candidate. I quickly realized within a few visits how much she brings to the political arena: a superior intellect, decades of educational experience, and the compassion and integrity needed to help lead a large school system.”

Bache Tobin holds degrees from Wellesley College and Annapolis’ St. John’s College, and received her doctorate from Georgetown University. She has served the community as a volunteer, a private school board member, and chair of the Anne Arundel County Citizens’ Advisory Committee on Recycling. She currently serves on the board of the Parent Teacher Student Association at Annapolis High School. She and her husband Steve have lived in Annapolis since 1999.

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