



Education/Community: *Celebrating America* Task Force

Overview

Federal and State trends in education have given us generations of children with an incomplete and apologetic view of American History. This view, along with an inadequate understanding of our American heritage, and little working knowledge of the US Constitution, government and civics is not acceptable. Carroll County can be a place that changes this by creating a task force and coordinating resources to celebrate America in our schools and our community.

Proposed Action:

Establish a Task Force focused on promoting American heritage, American history and civics

Proposal Details

Upon taking office as County Commissioner for District 5, I will make the following proposal to the other newly elected County Commissioners:

1. Create a task force for the purpose of promoting American heritage, history and civics throughout our community. The task force will include up to 15 volunteers from our community that will meet monthly to promote a celebration of American heritage, history and civics in our schools and our community
2. Assign the task force to establish strategic partnerships with Carroll Community College, McDaniel College, Carroll County Board of Education, Carroll County Historical Society, community groups, non-profit organizations, scout groups, private businesses and area residents that have an interest in this project. The task force will also participate in and make recommendations to the Carroll County Board of Ed curriculum committees.
3. Assign the task force to establish a calendar of events and activities that celebrate American heritage, history and civics. All events will be conducted with funds from sponsors or participating organizations. The task force will create and maintain a web-site and other related electronic media to amass a database of participants, to promote events and to coordinate other activities. All events will be funded by contributions and sponsors. No tax dollars will be used to hold or promote task force activities.
4. Assign the task force to work in cooperation with the Carroll County Department of Economic Development and the Office of Tourism to develop the "History All Around Us" tourism concept in order to identify and promote Carroll County as a tourism destination based on a historical center to be developed here. The center will include partnerships and alliances to coordinate visits to great historical locations within two hours by road including: Fort McHenry, Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Washington, DC, Mount Vernon and other historically significant places

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