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Mayoral Candidate Wendy Bozel: Brandon Scott is “Truant” in the real challenges to Baltimore’s education.

BALTIMORE, MD: Democratic Mayoral hopeful Wendy Bozel is calling out current Mayor Brandon Scott on his latest publicity push surrounding Baltimore’s education system.

Recently, Mayor Scott delivered a trophy to the Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy for the school’s increased attendance rate. The school achieved significant improvement from last year to this year in chronic absenteeism—going from 75% last year to 42% this year. Bozel acknowledges the great achievement for the Jemison School community, but cautions the Scott administration’s long-term vision for tackling the problem is short-sighted and calls the Mayor truant in driving misconceptions rather than a real plan of action.

“Trophies and robo calls aren’t going to get children back to school,” comments Bozel. “We need to find out why they are not coming to school and involve our families and community leaders in taking effective actions.” Bozel has been campaigning on increasing the role of truant officers, having social services and other resources visiting the homes, as well as educating parents and guardians on the school attendance laws and policies.

“If we want to curb youth violence, we need to get children back to school,” Bozel proclaims.

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