Good evening, I’m here this evening to support Dr. Smith’s recommendation of option 11a. My name is Lauren Seib, I am a sophomore at Seneca Valley High School. I am a successful student that takes all honors and AP classes, I work hard to maintain a 4.0 GPA. I am grateful to have the opportunity at Seneca to take these classes and have amazing staff that teach and support me. Attending a school with cultural and socio-economic diversity has not had a negative impact on my academics whatsoever.

I am proud to have a large and diverse group of friends. I asked them to tell me what they love about Seneca and I would share it in my testimony, here are some of the things they said.

“I love how humble people are at Seneca and with the svproud movement, we have a lot of spirit and more people are starting to have a desire to get involved with the school,” Wesley Sanzone- Sophomore

“I love the theatre program at Seneca Valley because you can express yourself without having to feel ashamed and we’re like one big community.” Christian Curtis- Sophomore

“I love how we have programs like auto tech and the academy of health professions that offer students a way to get ahead before college” Erin Currier- Senior

“I love the feeling of walking into a school and immediately feeling the love and support from other students and staff” Delaney Loy- Sophomore

“I love Seneca, I love how quick you can adapt to the environment of the school,” Ryan Turner- Freshman

“I love the arts at Seneca and how staff make it a priority to include and find a safe space for everyone,” Brenna Pagliarulo- Sophomore

“I love how inclusive everyone at Seneca is. You can find your perfect crowd and make some life long friends,” Maddy Moore- Sophomore

“It is really easy to make friends at Seneca also the teachers are very supportive,” William Klansek- Sophomore

“I love how people at seneca just support each other,” Shannon Parrau- sophomore

“I love the diversity and the social barriers that our diversity breaks, I also love our teaching staff” Mariajose Melandez Gomez- sophomore

“Something that I love about Seneca is the friendships made. Everyone knows everyone and as a kid transitioning from a different school, Seneca brought me in and the people here made me feel wanted and accepted,” John Klansek, sophomore recently transferred from RM
From what I have just said, there is no way for you to determine if my friends are black, hispanic, asian, white or receiving FARMS. We are just a group of students in Germantown that want and deserve an equitable student body with Clarksburg and Northwest. Dr. Smith’s recommendation of option 11a would make that possible. I am SV Proud. Thank you and have a great evening.