



The Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations

Phil Andrews

President

Montgomery County Council

100 Maryland Avenue

Rockville, MD 20850

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Dear Council President Andrews:

While MCCPTA always welcomes the opportunity to testify before the County Council on the CIP budget, we were surprised to be informed on February 5, 2009 that the Council had reserved 30 slots, six of them already taken, for CIP testimony on February 10. Our previous information was that Operating Budget and CIP testimonies would be combined for delivery in April. This late notice has made it difficult for the cluster coordinators to contact their schools and write their testimonies in a timely manner.

Knowing that this is a particularly challenging budget year, we believe that the County Council needs to hear from all stakeholders in MCPS, particularly the parents of the students who will be directly affected by the decisions made by the Council. We hope that, in the future, the Council will give MCCPTA adequate notice of upcoming hearings.

Sincerely,

Kay Romero, MCCPTA President