



The Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations

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Dr. Jerry Weast, Superintendent
Montgomery County Public Schools
850 Hungerford Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Dr. Weast:

In this year of budget challenges, the Montgomery County Council of PTA's has expedited our budget advocacy process so that we can provide you with input from parents as early as possible in your budget planning. Accordingly, we introduced the MCCPTA FY 2010 Operating Budget Compact and Resolution on FY2010 Operating Budget Priorities in our September Delegates' Assembly; and, the delegates adopted them in the October Delegates' Assembly on October 28, 2008. These documents are the result of a careful process of gathering input from local PTAs, which begins with meetings over the summer between MCCPTA officers and local PTA representatives in each area. From these meetings, we obtained common areas of interest among our PTAs. The Compact and the Priorities Resolution were introduced in time to receive full consideration at local PTA meetings in October, and were discussed, amended, and passed at the October Delegates' Assembly.

As you know, the MCCPTA Operating Budget Compact represents the Delegates' view of the essential components of a world-class education. While we understand that not all items in the Compact can be fully funded each year, we view the Compact as our guiding document for the budget process. The Resolution on FY2010 Operating Budget Priorities provides a list of the areas that we believe are most important to protect from budget cuts this year. Attached please find the MCCPTA FY2010 Operating Budget Compact, the Resolution on FY 2010 Operating Budget Priorities, and Background on the FY2010 Operating Budget Priorities.

We hope these documents will prove useful as you continue your budget planning process, and look forward to working with you on identifying the best possible strategies for allocating our limited taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely yours,

Kay Romero, MCCPTA President

Cc: Marshall Spatz
Larry Bowers