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Comments of the Cresthaven-Roscoe Nix ES PTA Community
Montgomery County Council

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Dear Council President Knapp and Council Members,

On behalf of the Cresthaven-Roscoe Nix Elementary School community, we, the co-presidents of the Cresthaven-Roscoe Nix PTA, submit these requests to the County Council on behalf of our paired schools.

Cresthaven Elementary School, built in 1964, is the oldest school in Montgomery County that has never been renovated. It is on the list to be modernized, and we ask that it maintain its place in the construction schedule, and that the construction proceed as planned. We ask that all funding be kept in place to allow construction of the new facility to commence in January 2009 as currently scheduled, and that the facility be completed as scheduled.

Roscoe R. Nix Elementary School, opened in 2006 as the first K-2 school designed and built from the beginning as a K-2 school, was built to help alleviate the severe overcrowding suffered by the students and staff at Cresthaven. While the overcrowding at Cresthaven has been alleviated, the physical plant of Cresthaven continues to deteriorate. There are no fully accessible bathroom facilities for all students, the building does not have the standard security features found in current schools (e.g. limited access with centrally controlled locking doors). Thus, it is imperative that construction of the new facility stay on schedule.

Staffing:

The Cresthaven-Roscoe Nix PTA supports maintaining full funding for Cresthaven Elementary School for both current (2007-08) staffing levels (i.e. including one Focus and one Academic Intervention funded position) as well as the addition of teaching positions from the Title I centrally funded positions and per pupil allocation.

Reduced Class Size:

Roscoe R. Nix ES: The Cresthaven-Roscoe Nix PTA requests that funding remain in place to maintain the reduced class size initiative in grades K-2.

Funding for Modernization/Stay on Schedule:

Cresthaven ES: The Cresthaven-Roscoe Nix PTA requests that the funding for the renovation / rebuilding of Cresthaven remains on schedule, and that the construction schedules remain in place so that our school community will be prepared for the move to the holding school in January 2009.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak in support of the funding requirements for the Cresthaven and Roscoe R. Nix Elementary Schools.