



The Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations

December 1, 2008

Nancy Navarro, President  
Board of Education  
Montgomery County Public Schools  
850 Hungerford Drive  
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear President Navarro:

As you are aware, there has been much discussion related to the possibility of closing schools for Inauguration Day, January 20, 2009. Our school communities have been active participants in such discussions for many weeks. There have been many views expressed on the topic in all our school communities.

At the MCCPTA Delegates Assembly held on November 25, 2008, our Delegates chose to **not** take a position on Dr. Weast's recommendation or on Mr. Barclay's proposed resolution. The Delegates, after much discussion and debate, chose to approve the following motions:

- 1) Move that if schools are open January 20, 2009, that we support a change in curriculum, when/where able, to include discussion and viewing of the day's events.**
- 2) Move that if schools are open on Inauguration Day 2009, to allow students an excused absence.**

As the Board of Education takes this up for discussion at the meeting on December 9, 2008, MCCPTA hopes that you take the above MCCPTA positions into consideration when you make your decision. MCCPTA recognizes the historical significance of this upcoming Inauguration Day, as well as the historical relevance of all Inauguration Days in the future. We would like the school curriculum and the school activities to capture these moments as a part of history and have our children as active participants now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Kay Romero  
President of MCCPTA

cc. Ms. Shirley Brandman, Vice President, Board of Education  
Dr. Jerry D Weast, Superintendent, Montgomery County Public Schools