



January 26, 2007

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

Dear President Navarro:

On January 23, 2007, the MCCPTA Delegate Assembly passed a motion reinforcing MCCPTA's support of the April, 2005, MCCPTA resolution which called for MCPS to offer a full continuum of special education services and placement choices with a full range of options within. This resolution is attached.

Without assurances and evidence that the initial plan to realign special education programs, including the closure and phase-out of secondary learning centers, would continue to provide such choices and a full continuum of services, MCCPTA was unable to support the original realignment plan as stated in our January 10, 2007, FY 2008 Operating Budget Testimony.

At the January Delegate Assembly, MCCPTA also voted that it does not favor the revised proposed realignment of special education services which calls for phasing out the learning centers over six years, eliminating one GT/LD program and reducing the summer program (ESY) from five days per week to four days per week.

MCCPTA is aware that Board of Education members have been keenly interested in the proposed special education realignments and we urge the Board to ensure that your future actions will be in furtherance of the goals outlined in our April, 2005, resolution.

Sincerely,

Jane de Winter
President