



## The Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations

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Montgomery County has a long tradition of providing support for our public school system. It is imperative for the future of our children and our county that this support continues even during times of fiscal stress such as we face today. Parent advocates fully appreciate the challenge our elected officials face as they decide how to allocate scarce funds among the many competing needs for county services. Parents especially appreciate the sacrifices being made by MCPS and other Montgomery County employees in continuing to keep our schools and government functioning during these tough economic times.

The budget that the County Executive has proposed for MCPS requires that all MCPS employees forego pay increases for the second year in a row. Even with these economies, this budget would also require an increase in class size, reductions in central administrative resources, and additional savings measures. The County Executive's budget is already below the bare minimum needed to maintain our current educational standards; no further cuts should be made to the MCPS budget. Moreover, in recognition of the very basic importance of health, safety and security of our children, proposed cuts in other areas of the county's budget which would reduce the number of educational facilities officers and health room aides should be avoided.

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