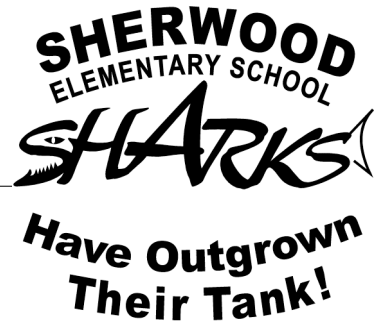


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Dr. Jerry D. Weast
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Dear Dr. Weast,

Thank you for accepting letters concerning necessary capital expenses for the Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) system as you prepare the next full Capital Improvement Program (FY 09-14 CIP) and Fiscal 2009 Capital Budget. I am writing on behalf of the entire Sherwood Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (Sherwood ES PTA) to request MCPS build the much needed classroom addition to Sherwood Elementary School.

As you will recall, SES PTA communicated our desire for building the Sherwood Elementary addition during the budget process last fiscal year. In fact, the Sherwood ES PTA has communicated this desire for at least the past four budget cycles. Sherwood ES remains 25% overcrowded and is projected to become 40% overcrowded within the next five years. Sherwood Elementary needs to be enlarged to better accommodate the burgeoning student population.

Montgomery County has already made clear statements in support of the Sherwood ES addition construction project. MCPS proposed, the Board of Education concurred, and the County Council enacted funding for a feasibility study and architect selection for the Sherwood ES addition. This work has been completed, and the Sherwood ES PTA is eager to move forward with the final two stages of the addition process: architectural planning and construction. Funding for these next steps must be included in the CIP and Capital Budget under development. **The Sherwood ES PTA respectfully requests inclusion of the final two stages of the Sherwood ES addition project in the FY 09-14 CIP and the FY 09 Capital Budget.**

Additionally, the Sherwood ES PTA was particularly pleased to hear statements in support of the Sherwood ES addition spoken at the Board of Education hearing on November 15, 2006. Many Sherwood ES PTA members assembled at that Board of Education hearing to register their support for construction of the school addition. Board of Education Member Cox directed Mr. Hawes to brief the audience on MCPS plans to include the Sherwood ES addition in the FY 2009-2014 CIP and FY 09 Capital Budget. Mr. Hawes stated that the FY 09-14 CIP would recommend funding in the FY 09 Capital Budget for the Sherwood ES addition to be completed for the 2010-2011 school year. We look forward to reviewing the FY 09-14 CIP for inclusion of the Sherwood ES addition, and are eager to have Sherwood ES students go to class in their newly constructed classrooms.

Funding for the Sherwood Elementary addition is an essential project that should be included in the budget for school facilities and a gathering need to the eastern sector of Montgomery County. As you prepare the FY 09-14 CIP and FY 09 Capital Budget recommendations, please consider and include the Sherwood ES classroom addition in your proposed plan.

Sincerely,
Karen Nelson, President
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