



The Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations

March 9, 2009

Honorable Phil Andrews
President, Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear President Andrews:

I am writing on behalf of the Montgomery County Council of PTAs (MCCPTA). MCCPTA represents over 50,000 parents, teachers and students in Montgomery County. Our mission is to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental agencies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children; to assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect children; and to encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of the nation.

You heard from MCCPTA and our cluster representatives on February 10 concerning the extent of the needs for school construction. I am writing to amplify those comments. Our membership recently adopted a resolution supporting full funding of the Board of Education's FY 2010 Capital budget request. Our priority is to promote the educational opportunities available to all students and protect the health, safety or welfare of students.

In particular, the resolution asks that the Council prioritize funds to keep planned additions and modernizations on track and to implement the county-wide projects for HVAC repair, roof replacements, restroom renovations, building modification and program improvements (BMPI) and planned life cycle asset replacements (PLAR). We urge you to ensure that all of these projects proceed without delay.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kay Romero, President
Montgomery County Council of PTAs

Cc: Shirley Brandman, President, Montgomery County Board of Education
Dr. Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent, MCPS



Resolution on the FY 2010
Capital Improvement Program Budget
From the MCCPTA CIP Committee
Approved by MCCPTA Delegates February 24, 2009

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2008, the Montgomery County Board of Education approved a FY 2010 Capital Budget appropriation request totaling \$200.7 million and an amended FY 2009–2014 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) request totaling \$1.3 billion;

WHEREAS, the FY 2010 Capital Budget appropriation request assumes the availability of sufficient funding sources from the state and county budgets, including \$40 million in state school construction funding;

WHEREAS, in this fiscal environment, the availability of sufficient funding is subject to significant uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, the projects planned in the FY 2010 Capital Budget appropriation request and the amended FY 2009-2014 Capital Improvements Program would provide critical school additions, modernizations and other improvements to provide students with safe, secure and adequate learning facilities;

THEREFORE, the MCCPTA RESOLVES:

THAT the County and State should provide adequate funding to ensure that the FY 2010 Capital Budget appropriation request and the amended FY 2009-2014 Capital Improvements Program may proceed forward as planned;

THAT the State should provide school construction funding to the County in an amount of at least \$40 million;

THAT the County and the Board of Education should strive to reconcile any gap in available funding so as not to harm the educational opportunities provided to all students or to threaten the health, safety or welfare of students;

THAT in the event adequate funds are not available in FY 2010, MCCPTA supports prioritizing available funds to ensure that planned school additions and modernizations are not delayed; and

THAT MCCPTA further supports prioritizing available funds to ensure that the HVAC Replacement, Roof Replacement, Restroom Renovation, Building Modifications and Program Improvements and Planned Life Cycle Asset Replacement county-wide projects may proceed without delay.

Back ground Documents and Resources

Cluster Coordinator's Guide To Understanding the 2010 CIP

http://www.mccpta.com/CIP_committee/Guide_to_the_2010_CIP_Final.pdf

MCCPTA Capital Improvement Program Committee

<http://www.mccpta.com/cip.html>