



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

850 Hungerford Drive ♦ Rockville, Maryland 20850

August 24, 2009

Dear Community Member:

I invite you to participate in one of two upcoming community forums that the Montgomery County Board of Education will be hosting this fall. These forums are an opportunity for the Board of Education to come into the community and hear directly from parents, students, and interested citizens about what is working and what isn't working in our schools. Your input will be important as we make difficult decisions in the next months regarding our school budgets given the fiscal challenges we face.

The forums will be held from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. on September 17, 2009, at Quince Orchard High School, 15800 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, and on October 15, 2009, at John F. Kennedy High School, 1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring. Both forums will be videotaped and cablecast at a later date on Channel 34 and webcast on the school system website.


Each participant will be allotted three minutes to comment. Please consider offering feedback on the following question: "During difficult economic times, what priorities should we focus on to improve achievement for all students?"

Individuals or group representatives may sign up to speak by calling the Board of Education office at 301-279-3617 or 1-800-735-2258 (Maryland Relay) beginning on August 27 for the forum at Quince Orchard High School and beginning on September 24 for the forum at John F. Kennedy High School. Foreign language interpreters will be available in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and French. Sign language interpretation will be provided upon request by calling 301-517-5539 (Voice/TTY) two weeks advance. Child care will be available at both forums.

If you are unable to attend either of the forums, you can still give us your feedback in writing or via e-mail at boe@mcpsmd.org. You also can post your comments on our website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/community/forums.

I am asking for your assistance in sharing this information with other members of the community. Thank you for your time and interest. By working together, we can continue to ensure a quality education to all our children.

Sincerely,


Shirley Brandman
President