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Legislative Committee Report

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Operating Budget Forum on Monday night. It was a great meeting and Pam did an incredible job of putting together a powerful panel. I would like to Thank you Pam for all of your hard work. What a wonderful thing to have everyone in a room at the same time. For those of you who happened to miss the meeting, please try to get a chance to watch the reply on TV. I think that I speak for everyone there when I say that I am very excited by the energy brought forth by the meeting and am looking forward to working together in our efforts to support Montgomery County in Annapolis.

Where things stand for right now – I have a copy of the agenda for session, and what I would like to do is plan a large group showing in the very beginning of things, January 16th or so, and then a large showing before the end or before any final budget divisions would be made. I will begin working on putting those dates together this week and next Monday night. For the in between, I would like to organize a group of people from a different cluster to trip down to Annapolis each week. This will remind everyone that the large numbers of people they saw in the beginning is not going away. That being said, I would like some guidance on a few issues... I need to know how everyone would like me to go about assigning weeks for the Clusters. Should I meet with the Cluster Coordinators or just assign them all a week and let them know which they have? I have spoken to several people who have agreed to work with me on getting things together and I am planning on meeting with a few of them this week. I am also planning to hold a committee meeting next Monday night, and am hopeful to have a large showing for that, and I would like to encourage every Cluster Coordinator make sure that their schools get the word out. It is important that we have a very strong showing on the first trip to Annapolis if we want to drive in our point. Another area of question... Some people have asked about what we are going to do there- I would like to see about setting up appt.'s with people while we are in Annapolis? Who would everyone like to meet with and are there any special arrangements that you would all like me to make?

I am going to try to set up a meeting if possible with the governor. Please feel free to email me any feedback that you might have.

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