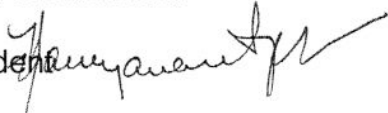


MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Rockville, Maryland

January 18, 2008

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Nancy Navarro, President 

Subject: FY 2009 Operating Budget Worksessions Agendas

The Board's worksessions on the Superintendent's FY 2009 Operating Budget Request are scheduled for January 23 and 24, 2008, beginning at 7:30 p.m., with final action at our all-day Board meeting on February 5th. As I shared with you in an earlier memorandum, I expect that there will be a spirited debate countywide on the Board's adopted budget due to fiscal constraints. It is therefore important that the worksessions inform the Board as much as possible on how the superintendent's budget request aligns with our academic priorities. As you know, in terms of the worksessions, it has been traditional for the Board to review the superintendent's recommended budget, chapter by chapter. This year, we obtained useful feedback from Board members about what they would like to focus on during the worksessions. The attached worksession agendas are the result of the feedback and our need to provide all of you several opportunities to ask questions about the budget.

The agendas restructure the worksessions in such a way that offers the Board an opportunity for dialogue around our priority needs and appropriate resources. I know that we have asked the administration to respond to several questions that we posed during the hearings and in writing through Mr. Ikheloa. I look forward to receiving the responses to those questions; I also believe that the agenda as it is presently structured allows us to view the questions in terms of our priorities. Thank you for being responsive to my call for ideas for the worksessions and I look forward to very productive worksessions next week. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or write me.

Attachments

Copy to:

Dr. Weast
Mr. Bowers
Dr. Lacey
Mr. Ikheloa
Mr. Edwards
Dr. Spatz

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Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 7:30 p. m.*

7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Overview of the Superintendent's FY 2009 Recommended Operating Budget

- Revenue issues
- Enrollment Changes
- Program reductions and realignments
- Productivity improvements

**ALIGNING INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS
WITH THE BOARD'S ACADEMIC PRIORITIES**

Organize and optimize resources for improved academic results.

- Increase in number of focus schools
- Lunch hour aide coverage of recess
- Guidance counselors
- Elementary school assistant principals
- Overview of business operations
 - ✓ Transportation
 - ✓ Financial Management
 - ✓ Maintenance

Align rigorous curriculum, delivery of instruction, and assessment for continuous improvement of student achievement.

- Special education - hours-based staffing, LRE support
- Technology systems
- Poolesville High – whole school magnet and extended day phase in Grade 11
- IB Diploma Program at Kennedy and Seneca Valley high schools

Expand and deliver literacy-based initiatives from pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 to support student achievement.

- Update on literacy-based resources
- Update on High School Plus
- Updates on Academic Intervention Programs for Students
- PBIS – Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

10:00 Adjournment

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Thursday, January 24, 2008, 7:30 p.m.*

7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

**ALIGNING INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS
WITH THE BOARD'S ACADEMIC PRIORITIES**

Develop, pilot, and expand improvements in secondary content, instruction, and program that support students' active engagement in learning.

- Expansion of Middle School Reform
- Update on Middle School Magnet Consortium
- Expansion of Middle School Magnet Consortium Programs
- Support for ESOL Students with Interrupted Education (SEPA)

Use student, staff, school, and system performance data to monitor and improve student achievement.

- Update on the Kennedy Cluster project
- M-Stat
- Update on the Department of Shared Accountability

Foster and sustain systems that support and improve employee effectiveness, in partnerships with MCPS employee organizations.

- Continuing and negotiated salaries
- Employee benefit programs
- Retiree health trust fund - OPEB
- Update on Organizational Development programs
- Professional Learning Communities Institute

Strengthen family-school relationships and continue to expand civic, business, and community partnerships that support improved student achievement.

- Parent Community Coordinators
- Update on the Parent Academy
- The Operating Budget Process and Community Involvement
- Support for students in readiness for the HSAs

Other Issues and Concerns by Board Members

10:00 Adjournment