

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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November 25, 2008

Senator Richard S. Madaleno, Jr., Chair
and Members of the Montgomery County Delegation
James Senate Office Building, Room 214
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Delegate Brian Feldman, Chair
and Members of the Montgomery County Delegation
Lowe House Office Building, Room 223
84 College Avenue
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Senator Madaleno, Delegate Feldman, and
Members of the Montgomery County Delegation:

On behalf of the Montgomery County Board of Education and the superintendent of schools, I want to thank the members of the delegation for a truly engaging conversation at our ground breaking meeting on November 18, 2008. For the first time in the history of this annual meeting, we included members of the Montgomery County Council's Education Committee, as well as leaders of the Montgomery County Council of PTAs. Their active and insightful contributions to the dialogue proved to be an effective step toward a better understanding of the concerns that we share as leaders during these trying economic times. I hope that we are all inspired to create additional opportunities that will continue to break down the walls and embrace the force of our collective resources in the interest of our county.

The evening's dialogue reinforced our need to work as a team to leverage our political clout in Annapolis. The current federal, state, and local fiscal crises make it more important than ever that we work collaboratively to address the many critical issues facing our community. We look forward to working with members of the delegation, County Council, and the community to ensure that the children of Montgomery County Public Schools benefit from the outcomes of the upcoming legislative session.

As I promised, I have enclosed the materials that were used during the meeting. I have also enclosed the most recent presentations to the Board of Education regarding enrollment and the capital projects. Please feel free to share these presentations with other interested parties.

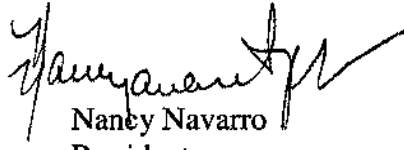
If you have any questions on these and other issues, I urge you to please contact Ms. Laura Steinberg, the Board's staff assistant for legislative and inter-governmental relations. She will gladly assist you with requests for data or clarifications regarding educational policy. Feel free to contact her for anything you need to support your work in Annapolis.

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We are counting on you to defend and advance the interests of Montgomery County. We are ready to assist you and look forward to working closely throughout the upcoming session. Thank you for being a willing part of a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,



Nancy Navarro
President

Enclosures

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Members of the Montgomery County Council Education Committee
Members of the Board of Education
Dr. Weast
Ms. Romero