

Legislator
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401-1925

January 26, 2007

Dear Legislator (Name Inserted),

MCCPTA, representing 50,000 members, looks forward to working with you to support education for the children of Maryland by committing all of the resources that the State can provide. You have the opportunity to demonstrate this commitment by fully funding the GCEI for all counties this year. On January 23, 2007, our Delegates Assembly voted unanimously to support the following resolution:

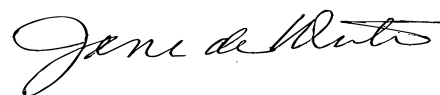
MCCPTA believes that full funding of Thornton includes the GCEI and urges Governor O'Malley and the State Delegation to fully fund the CGEI in FY 2008.

As citizens of Maryland, we understand the economic demands and want those services that the State provides to be adequately funded; but as advocates for our children, we urge you put the students of Maryland at the top of the list. Our children and our school programs cannot wait as plans are drafted to balance the budget or find new revenue sources. The stakes for educating each child are too high, and time lost cannot be made up where children's education is concerned.

You know that Montgomery County is a large, diverse school system, with 200 schools and almost 140,000 students. We have children from around the world and the benefits and challenges of educating students just learning English. We have many special education programs to educate children with a wide range of disabilities. We have children with a multitude of skills and needs from every socio-economic category. We believe we must provide an education that will ensure success for each child. We are fortunate in Montgomery County that our County Council is committed to educating our children but we must have State funding as well. We believe that it is imperative that Montgomery County students receive the \$22 million from the Thornton funding starting in FY 2008.

We believe you share our commitment to the school children of Maryland and we look forward to your support of school construction needs with a capital budget that ensures that every child can attend school in a safe, secure, modern facility. Now is the time to bring an equal financial commitment to the operating budget through the full funding of the Thornton commission programs.

Sincerely,



Jane de Winter
MCCPTA President

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