

Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Ave.
Rockville, MD 20850

To the Montgomery County Council:

I urge the County Council to provide the highest level of funding possible for the fiscal year 2012 Montgomery County Public Schools Operating Budget. I recognize that the County faces difficult financial circumstances and is not able to provide the sort of funding for education that it has in the past, but it is important to me and my family that the quality of our schools is maintained and that children in our schools the next several years receive the high quality education historically provided by our County. Like many, many residents of our County, I decided to live in this County and particularly in the Wootton Cluster because of the high quality of our schools; the high quality of our schools is also a major reason why we pay the taxes we do. Our schools are also an economic engine for our County and they benefit households with and without students by supporting the property values of their homes. Retaining a level of funding sufficient to continue the high quality of our schools is not only the “right thing to do” as education policy; it is the “smart thing to do” to support the future of our County. As the Council formulates a budget for the next fiscal year, please do everything you can to maximize funding for the schools.