

# Fiscal Year 2018 MCPS Operating Budget

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS

It is critical that our elected leaders hear from you about the essential role school plays in your children's lives, and the importance of giving students access to the opportunities and resources they need to be college and career ready. Here are **three easy ways** to make your voice heard:

### ACTION #1: ATTEND AND ADVOCATE AT COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETINGS

- **TESTIFY AT THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS** on the FY 2018 Operating Budget. Call 240-777-7803, beginning March 15, to sign up.

**APRIL 4** 7:00 p.m.

**APRIL 5** 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**APRIL 6** 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

- Additionally, Montgomery County Council Education Committee Chair Craig Rice, in partnership with MCPS and Montgomery College, is holding meetings across the county to discuss education funding. You can attend and share your perspective about education funding in our community. For further information call Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or email Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov

**FEBRUARY 15** 6:30 p.m. at Northwest High School

**MARCH 8** 6:30 p.m. at Montgomery Blair High School

**MARCH 15** 6:30 p.m. at Montgomery College (Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus)

**MARCH 22** 6:30 p.m. at Walter Johnson High School

**MARCH 29** 6:30 p.m. at Richard Montgomery High School

### ACTION #2: CONTACT YOUR ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS

- **LET YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS KNOW WHY THEY SHOULD FULLY FUND OUR BUDGET** by sending emails, tweets, letters, short videos, and testimonials. You can share your thoughts and opinions with the key decision makers at the contact information below. Don't forget to use the hashtag #InvestInMCPS

<b>County Executive Isiah Leggett</b>	<a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/Contactcex.aspx">www.montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/Contactcex.aspx</a>
<b>Councilmember Roger Berliner</b>	<a href="mailto:Councilmember.Berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov">Councilmember.Berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> / @RogerBerliner
<b>Councilmember Marc Elrich</b>	<a href="mailto:Councilmember.Elrich@montgomerycountymd.gov">Councilmember.Elrich@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> / @marc_b_elrich
<b>Councilmember Nancy Floreen</b>	<a href="mailto:Councilmember.Floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov">Councilmember.Floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> / @nfloreen
<b>Councilmember Tom Hucker</b>	<a href="http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/CCL_ContactForms/ContactHucker.aspx">www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/CCL_ContactForms/ContactHucker.aspx</a>
<b>Councilmember Sidney Katz</b>	<a href="mailto:Councilmember.Katz@montgomerycountymd.gov">Councilmember.Katz@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> / @MC_Council_Katz
<b>Councilmember George Leventhal</b>	<a href="mailto:Councilmember.Leventhal@montgomerycountymd.gov">Councilmember.Leventhal@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> / @georgeleventhal
<b>Councilmember Nancy Navarro</b>	<a href="mailto:Councilmember.Navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov">Councilmember.Navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> / @nancy_navarro
<b>Councilmember Craig Rice</b>	<a href="mailto:Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov">Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> / @RicePolitics
<b>Councilmember Hans Riemer</b>	<a href="mailto:Councilmember.Riemer@montgomerycountymd.gov">Councilmember.Riemer@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> / @hansriemer

### ACTION #3: EMPOWER YOUR COMMUNITY WITH KNOWLEDGE

- **MCPS HAS CREATED RESOURCES** to help you and your community understand the budget. Use these tools to help you advocate and encourage others to advocate with you. Please find more budget information at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/)

#### FY 2018 RECOMMENDED OPERATING BUDGET

**BUDGET ONEPAGER:** A short summary of MCPS and the FY 2018 budget recommendation

**BUDGET 101:** The MCPS budget explained (process, revenue, allocations etc.)

**www.MCPSBudgetFeedback.org:** A website where you can comment on priorities and leave your feedback

## BUDGET TIMELINE

- **MARCH 14, 2017** County Executive Leggett makes budget recommendation
- **APRIL/MAY 2017** County Council holds public hearings; final County Council action on May 19
- **JUNE 13, 2017** Final Board of Education action on the budget