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MCPS Communications and Updates

New on the MCPS Web

The FY 2017 Operating Budget

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The following are included with this memo to assist you in your communications efforts:

- Blurbs for newsletters, listservs, Connect-ED messages, etc., in English and Spanish
- *It Is Time to Reinvest in Our Students* advocacy handout (translations in six languages available on the MCPS website)
- *A Call to Action to Fund Our Future*—FY 2017 Operating Budget Fast Facts (translations in six languages available on the MCPS website)

Three more Education Budget Meetings, presented by Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice, MCPS Interim Superintendent Larry Bowers, and Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard, are scheduled for March. Attendees can find out how budget decisions are made, what the county is doing today to get ready for FY 2017 and beyond, and the opportunities residents have to influence budget decisions. The meetings will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the following locations:

- March 9, Gaithersburg High School, 101 Education Blvd., Gaithersburg
- March 16, Col. Zadok Magruder High School, 5939 Muncaster Mill Road, Rockville
- March 23, Thomas S. Wootton High School, 2100 Wootton Pkwy., Rockville

In addition, members of the MCPS community are encouraged to testify at the Montgomery County Council public hearings on the budget. They will be held—

- Tuesday, April 5, at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 6, at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 7, at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Those interested in testifying should call 240-777-7803 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/PHSignUp.html beginning March 17 to sign up to speak. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/ for more information.

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MCPS Moments

MCPS Moments are two-minute videos that highlight recent events, school programs, and more. The videos are featured online and on MCPS TV. Following is a list of some recent *MCPS Moments*:

- [Richard Montgomery HS Students Learn About Exciting Careers During Career Expo](#)
- [A Celebration of Unity Through Song, Word and Dance](#)
- [Students Shine in Second Annual MCPS Dance Showcase](#)
- [Students Show Their Skills](#)

Other News

Choose Respect Conference on Healthy Teen Dating Set for March 20 (Secondary Principals)

MCPS is partnering with the Montgomery County Family Justice Center to host the 2016 Choose Respect Conference on Sunday, March 20, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Richard Montgomery High School. The event is free and open to secondary students and their parents. During the event, students, parents, youth service providers, and educators will discuss issues surrounding dating violence, warning signs of abuse, and where to go get help. MCPS students were asked to create a 60-second public service announcement (PSA) that raises awareness for dating abuse and domestic violence. The winners of this year’s PSA contest will be announced at the conference. The 2015 PSA contest winners were—

[1st Place: "Bruises" from James Hubert Blake HS](#)

[2nd Place: "Out of the Dark" from James Hubert Blake HS](#)

[3rd Place: "Locked" from James Hubert Blake HS](#)

[Honorable Mention: "It Has To End" from James Hubert Blake HS](#)

[Honorable Mention: "There's No Excuse" from Sherwood HS](#)

Please share information about the conference with your middle and high school students and encourage them to attend on March 20. There will be raffles, prizes, free food, and live entertainment. A blurb that can be used in your newsletters and morning announcements is provided below.

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College Preparation and Scholarship Fair

MCPS, in collaboration with Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove, will host a free College and Career Preparation Expo Fair on Saturday, April 9, at Montgomery College (Bioscience Education Center), 20200 Observation Drive in Germantown. The fair is targeted to students in Grades 6–10 and their parents. Registration is recommended and can be completed at www.mcpsparentacademy.org. A blurb is provided below.

MCPS TV

Education Matters

On the latest episode of Education Matters, Board of Education President Michael Durso speaks with two principals about their newly constructed schools, the significance of the capital budget to maintain and build new spaces for students, as well as the importance of receiving a fully funded operating budget and how that money is used at the school level. Guests on the talk show include Debra Mugge, principal of Wheaton High School, and Jennifer Lowndes, principal of Rock Creek Forest Elementary School. Education Matters is a 30-minute talk show where guests discuss education news, curriculum programs and initiatives, as well as challenges that schools, teachers and students face. The show features school success stories and what MCPS is doing to overcome barriers to student achievement. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/edmatters/ to watch the episode.

MCPS News in 90

MCPS News in 90 and *Noticias en 90* (in Spanish) are 90-second updates on what is happening throughout the district. The shows are cablecast on MCPS TV and may be viewed at the following URL:

- *News in 90*: <http://news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/>
- *Noticias en 90*: <http://news.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/es/noticias/>

BUDGET

The FY 2017 Operating Budget—A Call to Fund Our Future

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There are a variety of ways that you can become involved in the budget process and help advocate for full funding of the MCPS budget. You can read Board President Michael Durso's letter about the budget [here](#). **Your voice matters**. Visit the budget webpage at

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/ to learn how you can get involved and advocate.

Presupuesto Operativo para el Año Fiscal 2017 – Una Llamada Para Financiar Nuestro Futuro

El 1ro de marzo, el Consejo de Educación presentó su Presupuesto Operativo de \$2.5 mil millones para el Año Fiscal 2017 al Ejecutivo del Condado Isiah Leggett y al Concejo del Condado. Se espera que el 15 de marzo el Ejecutivo del Condado haga pública su recomendación para el presupuesto operativo del Año Fiscal 2017. El Concejo del Condado considerara el presupuesto durante la primavera con la aprobación final estimada para finales de mayo. Después de ocho años de dificultades económicas y una inversión educativa local \$1,200 menos por estudiante que en el 2009, MCPS solicita este año un presupuesto para fortalecer nuestra fundación y acelerar los esfuerzos para cerrar la brecha de rendimiento. Cualquier cosa menos de la financiación completa requeriría probablemente más recortes que podrían afectar a todas las escuelas. Es fundamental que utilicemos este período para hacer oír nuestra voz para asegurar que nuestros líderes del condado entiendan las necesidades de nuestros estudiantes y apoyen el presupuesto.

Hay una variedad de maneras en que puede participar en el proceso presupuestario y ayudar a abogar por la financiación completa del presupuesto de MCPS. Usted puede leer la carta del Presidente del Consejo, Sr. Michael Durso acerca del presupuesto [aquí](#). **Tu voz importa**. Visita la página de internet del presupuesto en www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/ para aprender cómo puede involucrarse y abogar.

Advocacy Opportunities (English and Spanish)

MCPS Operating Budget: Make Your Voice Heard!

Our community must begin to reinvest in education and change the way the MCPS budget has been funded for the past eight years. Together, we must achieve full funding of the budget to ensure every child has the opportunity for success. The FY 2017 Operating Budget includes resources to serve more than **2,500** additional students; **REDUCE CLASS SIZES; CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP**; improve students' literacy and math skills; and build the cultural proficiency of staff.

It is critical that the county executive and the Montgomery County Council hear from our community about MCPS's budget priorities. Beginning March 17, community members can call 240-777-7803 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/PHSignUp.html to sign up to testify at the County Council budget hearings. The hearings will be held at the following dates and times:

April 5 7:00 p.m.
April 6 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
April 7 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. The meetings will be held at the following dates and times:

March 9 6:30 p.m. at Gaithersburg High School
March 16 6:30 p.m. at Colonel Zadok Magruder High School
March 23 6:30 p.m. at Thomas S. Wootton High School

Presupuesto Operativo de MCPS: Haga Oír Su Voz!

Nuestra comunidad debe comenzar a reinvertir en la educación y cambiar la manera en que el presupuesto de Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) ha sido financiado por los últimos ocho años. Juntos, nosotros debemos conseguir el financiamiento total del presupuesto para asegurar que todo niño tenga la oportunidad de triunfar. El Presupuesto Operativo para el Año Fiscal 2017 incluye recursos para servir a más de **2,500** estudiantes adicionales; **reducir el tamaño de las clases; cerrar la brecha de rendimiento;** mejorar las destrezas de alfabetización y matemáticas en los estudiantes; y, desarrollar la competencia cultural del personal.

Es fundamental que el Ejecutivo y el Concejo del Condado de Montgomery escuchen de nuestra comunidad acerca de las prioridades del presupuesto de MCPS. Comenzando el 17 de marzo, los miembros de la comunidad pueden llamar al 240-777-7803 o visitar www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/PHSignUp.html para registrarse para testificar audiencias del presupuesto del Concejo del Condado. Las audiencias se llevaran a cabo en las siguientes fechas y horas:

5 de Abril 7:00 p.m.
6 de Abril 1:30 p.m. y 7:00 p.m.
7 de Abril 1:30 p.m. y 7:00 p.m.

Además, el Presidente del Comité de Educación del Concejo del Condado de Montgomery, Craig Rice, en colaboración con MCPS y Montgomery College, está llevando a cabo reuniones en todo el condado para hablar sobre los fondos para la educación. Usted puede asistir y compartir su perspectiva sobre los fondos para la educación en nuestra comunidad. Las reuniones se llevaran a cabo en las siguientes fechas y horas:

9 de Marzo 6:30 p.m., en Gaithersburg High School
16 de Marzo 6:30 p.m., en Col. Zadok Magruder High School
23 de Marzo 6:30 p.m., en Thomas S. Wootton High School

Advocacy Resources (English and Spanish)

Make Your Voice Heard!

MCPS has developed several resources to help the community understand the budget and get involved in the budget process. Find more budget information at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/budget17.

[FY 2017 Recommended Operating Budget](#)

[Budget Fast Facts](#): A short summary of the FY 2017 budget recommendation

[Advocacy Infographic](#): A tool for advocating the budget priorities

[Budget 101](#): The MCPS budget explained

MCPS ha creado recursos para ayudarle a usted y a su comunidad a entender el presupuesto. Use estas herramientas para poder abogar y motivar a otros para que aboguen junto a usted. Puede encontrar más información sobre el presupuesto en www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/budget17

[Presupuesto Operativo Recomendado para el Año Fiscal 2017](#)

[Datos Rápidos Sobre el Presupuesto](#): Un breve resumen de la recomendación presupuestaria para el Año Fiscal 2017

[Infografía de Apoyo](#): Una herramienta para abogar por las prioridades del presupuesto.

[Presupuesto 101](#): El presupuesto de MCPS explicado

Budget 101 Parent Academy Workshop (English and Spanish)

Plan to Attend a Budget 101 Parent Academy Workshop

Learn how the MCPS operating budget is built and gain a deeper understanding of why it's essential to invest in our schools. Mark your calendar for the third [Budget 101 Parent Academy workshop](#) that MCPS is hosting this winter. You'll learn where our funding comes from, how it's spent, and how individual schools are staffed to ensure we are meeting the needs of every student. The workshop is scheduled for March 7 at Forest Oak Middle School in Gaithersburg. The workshop will begin at 7:00 p.m. Childcare is provided for children ages 4 through 12.

Planeé asistir al Taller Presupuesto 101 de la Academia Para Padres

Aprenda cómo se desarrolla el presupuesto operativo de MCPS y obtenga una comprensión más profunda de por qué es esencial invertir en nuestras escuelas. Marque su calendario para el tercer taller [Presupuesto 101 de la Academia para Padres](#) de MCPS que tendrá lugar este invierno. Usted aprenderá de donde proviene nuestra financiación, cómo se gasta y cómo se dota a las escuelas de personal para asegurarnos de cubrir las necesidades de todos los estudiantes. El taller está programado para el 7 de marzo en la escuela secundaria Forest Oak en Gaithersburg. El taller comenzará a las 7:00 p.m. Se ofrece cuidado infantil para niños en edades de 4 a 12.

Social Media (English and Spanish)

Share Your Thoughts on Social Media: #MCPSFundOurFuture

Let our elected officials know why you think it's important to fully fund the FY 2017 MCPS Operating Budget. Parents, staff, students, and community members are invited to send short (15-second) video recordings to pio@mcpsmd.org in which they talk about why fully funding the MCPS operating budget is essential. We'll

compile these videos on the MCPS budget website and send them out on the district's Twitter feed. Remember, when sharing your thoughts and ideas about the operating budget on social media, use the hashtag #MCPSFundOurFuture.

Comparta Sus Pensamientos en las Redes Sociales: #MCPSFundOurFuture

Deje que nuestros funcionarios elegidos sepan por qué usted cree que es importante financiar completamente el presupuesto operativo de MCPS para el año fiscal 2017. Los padres, personal, estudiantes y miembros de la comunidad están invitados a enviar grabaciones vídeo cortas (15 segundos) a pio@mcpsmd.org en el que hablen de por qué financiar totalmente el presupuesto operativo de MCPS es esencial. Compilaremos estos videos en el sitio de internet del presupuesto de MCPS y los enviaremos a través de nuestra cuenta de Twitter. Recuerde utilizar el hashtag #MCPSFundOurFuture, al compartir sus pensamientos e ideas sobre el presupuesto operativo en las redes sociales.

Choose Respect (English and Spanish)

Choose Respect Conference— #RespectYourSelfie

Students and parents: mark your calendars for the 2016 Choose Respect Conference. This free event will take place on Sunday, March 20, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Richard Montgomery High School. Morning host Tommy McFly of 94.7 Fresh FM and correspondent for WUSA9-TV will emcee the opening session of the conference. Parents, teens, youth service providers, and educators will come together to discuss the problems around teen dating violence and talk about ways to establish healthy relationships. Did you know that nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner each year?

This is an important conversation that all students must have. There will be raffles, prizes, free food, and live entertainment. You don't want to miss this event. For more information and to register, visit: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/fjc/chooserespect.html.

Conferencia Elige Respeto— # RespectYourSelfie

Estudiantes y padres: Marquen su calendario para la Conferencia Elige Respeto del 2016. Este evento gratuito se llevará a cabo el domingo, 20 de marzo, de 1:00 p.m. a 4:30 p.m. en la escuela Richard Montgomery High School. El anfitrión de la mañana, Tommy McFly, de la FM 94.7 Fresh y corresponsal de WUSA9-TV será la presentadora de la sesión de apertura de la conferencia. Los padres, adolescentes, proveedores de servicios juveniles y educadores se reunirán para discutir los problemas en torno a la violencia en el noviazgo juvenil y hablar de maneras de establecer relaciones sanas. ¿Sabías que casi 1.5 millones de estudiantes de secundaria en todo el país sufren

e abuso físico de parte de su novio/a cada año?

Esta es una conversación importante que todos los estudiantes deben tener. Habrá rifas, premios, comida gratis, y entretenimiento en vivo. Usted no quiere perderse este evento. Para obtener más información y para registrarse, visite: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/fjc/chooserespect.html.

PARCC Exposure (English and Spanish)

Saturday School to Offer PARCC Exposure Series

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Your child can be a part of this exciting opportunity by registering for Saturday School at www.SaturdaySchool.org. Registration is \$40 for students who receive Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARMS) and \$70 for non-FARMS students. Parents are invited to the March 12 parent training at all 12 Saturday School centers to learn more about the PARCC assessment.

The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, also known as Saturday School, is a low-cost tutoring and mentoring program that provides an extra day of learning and helps MCPS students enhance their mastery of core academic subjects. Students in Grades 1 through 12 who are in need of additional academic support can attend sessions at one of 12 locations across Montgomery County.

La Escuela de Sábado ofrece Talleres de Exposición a PARCC

En colaboración con Montgomery County Public Schools, la Escuela de los Sábados se complace en ofrecer a las familias de MCPS la oportunidad de participar en *Exposición a PARCC*, una serie de sesiones los sábados, a partir del 12 de marzo, diseñadas a ayudar a los estudiantes a familiarizarse más con los exámenes PARCC, que significa Asociación de Evaluaciones de Preparación para la Universidad y la Vida Profesional, que tomarán esta primavera. A partir del sábado, 12 de marzo, además del fuerte apoyo en literatura y matemáticas que los maestros entregan, los estudiantes estarán expuestos a las evaluaciones PARCC en las computadoras y Chromebooks. Maestros certificados de MCPS usarán artículos declarados públicamente como parte de sus sesiones de lectura, escritura y matemáticas para reforzar lo que están aprendiendo los estudiantes durante la semana.

Su hijo puede ser una parte de esta gran oportunidad registrándose para la Escuela de los Sábados en www.SaturdaySchool.org. La inscripción es de \$40 para los estudiantes que reciben comida gratis o a precio reducido (FARMS) y \$70 para estudiantes que no reciben FARMS. Los padres están invitados al entrenamiento para los padres del 12 de marzo en cualquiera de los 12 centros de la Escuela de los Sábados para aprender más sobre las evaluaciones PARCC.

La Academia de Aprendizaje George B. Thomas, Sr., también conocida como la Escuela de los Sábados, es un programa de tutoría de bajo costo que ofrece un día adicional de aprendizaje y ayuda a los estudiantes de MCPS a mejorar su dominio de las materias básicas. Los estudiantes en los grados 1 al 12 que están en necesidad de apoyo académico adicional pueden asistir a las sesiones en una de las 12 ubicaciones en todo el Condado de Montgomery.

Special Education Awards (English and Spanish)

Honoring Contributions to Special Education

MCPS parents, students, and staff are encouraged to submit nominations to recognize individuals and programs that have contributed to the success and acceptance of students with special needs. The recognitions are being given by the Special Education Committee of the Montgomery County Council of PTAs (MCCPTA). The recognition ceremony will be held at Rockville High School on Monday, May 9. Nominations are being accepted in four categories: Staff, Programs, Parents, and Students. **Applications are due by Friday, March 18.** Nominations can be submitted by email attachment to [Jeanne Taylor](mailto:Jeanne.Taylor@mcpsmd.org), or by hard copy to the Montgomery County Council of PTAs, Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, 3rd Floor, Germantown, MD, 20874. Visit the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org, search “MCCPTA Awards” to download the nomination form.

Honrando Contribuciones a la Educación Especial

Se anima a los padres de MCPS, los estudiantes y el personal a presentar candidaturas para reconocer a los individuos y programas que han contribuido al éxito y aceptación de los estudiantes con necesidades especiales. Los reconocimientos son otorgados por el Comité de Educación Especial del Consejo de PTAs del Condado de Montgomery (MCCPTA). La ceremonia de reconocimiento se llevará a cabo en Rockville High School el lunes, 9 de mayo. Las nominaciones están siendo aceptadas en cuatro categorías: personal, programas, padres y estudiantes.

Las solicitudes se recibirán hasta el viernes, 18 de marzo. Las nominaciones podrán presentarse por correo electrónico a [Jeanne Taylor](mailto:Jeanne.Taylor@mcpsmd.org), o en papel al Consejo de PTAs del Condado de Montgomery, Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, 3rd Floor, Germantown, MD, 20874. Ingrese al sitio de Internet www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org, busque “MCCPTA Awards” y baje el formulario de nominación.

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Informe Anual de MCPS a la Comunidad

El Informe Anual 2015 a la Comunidad cuenta la historia de MCPS—los factores que están impulsando cambios en nuestro distrito escolar; las estrategias que estamos usando para cerrar la brecha de rendimiento académico y para preparar a nuestros estudiantes para el éxito en el Siglo XXI; y, los datos operativos y de rendimiento estudiantil que usamos para monitorear nuestro progreso. El informe en línea presenta fotos, gráficos, y segmentos de video y de audio que ayudan a representar cómo MCPS está cumpliendo con su visión y su misión. Lea el informe en www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org (en la barra de búsqueda escriba, "informe anual") para conocer más sobre el tema y para conocer a algunos de los sobresalientes estudiantes y empleados del distrito escolar.

[Prekindergarten/ Head Start Registration \(English and Spanish\)](#)

PreK/Head Start Registration Begins March 14

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registration, and required documents to complete an application is available on the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org, search “preK”, or by calling 301-230-0676.

Inscripción para PreK/Headstart Comienza el 14 de Marzo

La inscripción para los programas de Prekindergarten y Head Start comenzará el lunes, 14 de marzo, para el ciclo escolar 2016–2017. Los programas sirven a niños que habrán cumplido los 4 años de edad para el 1ro. de septiembre, 2016, y cuyas familias son elegibles en virtud de su ingreso, incluyendo niños con discapacidades. Se aceptarán solicitudes sin cita previa de lunes a viernes, de 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m., en Rocking Horse Road Center, 4910 Macon Road, en Rockville. En el sitio de Internet de MCPS se puede encontrar información adicional sobre la elegibilidad, la inscripción, y la documentación requerida para completar una solicitud. Ingrese a www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org, y en la barra de búsqueda escriba "preK", o llame al 301-230-0676.

College Prep Fair (English and Spanish)

College Prep Fair to Be Held April 9

A free College Preparation and Scholarship Fair will be held 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, at Montgomery College (Bioscience Education Center), 20200 Observation Drive in Germantown. The fair is intended for students in Grades 6–10 and their parents. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet representatives from various careers, colleges, and universities, learn about financial aid and scholarship opportunities and attend informative breakout sessions. Space is limited, so be sure to register early! Registration can be completed at www.mcpsparentacademy.org. Call 301-279-3100 for more information.

Feria de Preparación Universitaria a Realizarse el 9 de Abril

El sábado, 9 de abril, de 1:00 a 4:00 p.m., se llevará a cabo una Feria de Preparación Universitaria y Becas en Montgomery College (Bioscience Education Center), 20200 Observation Drive, en Germantown. La feria está dirigida a estudiantes que cursan los Grados 6–10 y a sus padres. Quienes asistan tendrán la oportunidad de conocer a representantes de distintas profesiones, colegios universitarios, y universidades, y podrán informarse sobre las oportunidades de asistencia financiera y becas y asistir a sesiones informativas en grupo. ¡El cupo es limitado, por lo tanto asegúrese de inscribirse pronto! La inscripción se puede completar en www.mcpsparentacademy.org. Llame al 301-279-3100 para más información.