

September 8, 2009

Dr. Jerry Weast, Superintendent
Montgomery County Public Schools
850 Hungerford Road, Room 122
Rockville, MD 20850

Ms. Shirley Brandman, President
Montgomery County Board of Education
850 Hungerford Road, Room 123
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Dr. Weast and Ms. Brandman,

I am writing as a supporter of Wyngate Elementary School to communicate my strong desire to have funding for design and construction of an expansion at Wyngate included in this fall's Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

As you know, Wyngate Elementary School is suffering from a significant space crunch. As of this writing, the school is nearly 50% over capacity, serving 623 students in a building designed to accommodate 422. The school is projected to be the second-most overcrowded elementary school in MCPS by 2013. Even if construction started tomorrow, most children now at Wyngate will have at least three years of instruction in temporary buildings. It is very difficult for teachers, (even ones as excellent as Wyngate's) to maintain the quality of instruction in such a constrained space.

We appreciate the time spent by you, and MCPS staff this past academic year to complete the feasibility study for an expansion to the school, and your responsiveness during the last year to our PTA's questions about the project.

We ask that Board recognize the dramatic overcrowding situation at Wyngate, and give the Wyngate expansion project every consideration as a top priority for funding in the CIP process,

Sincerely,

Signature

Printed Name

Address