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MCEA Responds to Superintendent Taylor's Proposed Operating Budget

Rockville, MD - The Montgomery County Education Association expressed cautious optimism about Superintendent Taylor's proposed operating budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

"This proposed budget reflects the difficult fiscal realities that we face due to the Trump Administration's cuts to the federal workforce and its reckless actions that shifted costs to states to fund social safety net programs," said MCEA President David Stein. "Despite these challenges, this budget begins to tackle class size, a longstanding concern held by educators and parents, which is a barrier to achieving student excellence. The proposed budget, importantly, also honors the school district's negotiated contracts with MCEA and our sibling unions, SEIU Local 500 and MCAAP."

MCEA will continue assessing as budget details emerge. "We will continue to scrutinize in the coming days the potential implications of this proposed budget on existing staff," added MCEA Vice President Danillya Wilson.

MCEA calls on county leaders to find a sustainable funding fix for not just next year, but for many years in the future. "We understand that these are tough economic times. But we can't forget that MCPS is the key economic driver of this county – investing in schools, educators, and students is always a safe bet," continued President Stein. "Elected officials must find a path forward that is not only fiscally sound but ensures that we have the staffing and resources that are needed for all students to achieve excellence."

MCEA represents more than 14,000 classroom teachers, school counselors, speech pathologists, media specialists, and other educators in Montgomery County, MD. MCEA is committed to ensuring that public schools are excellent places for students to learn and for educators to work. For more information, visit mceanea.org.