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**Fund Our Schools Rally:**

**Educators Call on the County Council to Fully Fund MCPS's FY27 Operating Budget**

Rockville, MD – The Montgomery County Education Association (MCEA), Service Employees International Union Local 500 (SEIU), and Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals (MCAAP) will hold a rally on **Wednesday, April 8, 2025, at 5:00 pm at 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD**, to call on the County Council fully fund the County Executive's proposed operating budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Superintendent Dr. Thomas Taylor will join the rally as a speaker, along with members from all three unions.

“At its core, this budget is about ensuring every student has what they need to succeed. Our students deserve the resources, supports, and opportunities necessary to thrive in an ever-changing world, and we must not fall short,” said MCAAP President Dr. Christine Handy.

“Montgomery County Public Schools is a top-tier system because of the dedication of the educators and support staff who show up for our students every single day. This budget must reflect that reality,” added SEIU Local 500 President Pia Morrison. “At a time when our schools are facing growing needs, cutting or underfunding the very workers who keep classrooms running and students supported is the wrong choice. Our members—and the families they serve—are coming together at this rally to send a clear message to the County Council: invest in our schools, respect our workforce, and put students first.”

“It's easy to do what's right by our students and educators in good times. We know it takes courage, foresight, and creativity to do so in rough times,” said MCEA President David Stein. “The County Council has done the right thing in the past, and we believe it can do so again. Students, families, and educators are relying on them to make the right choice.”

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*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](http://mceanea.org).*

*SEIU Local 500's more than 20,000 members work in the public sector at colleges, universities, public schools, and nonprofits across Maryland and Washington, D.C. From the workplace to the corridors of Annapolis, we're leading the fight to ensure employees gain the right to bargain collectively, advocating for better working conditions, and championing 21st-century benefits for a 21st-century workforce. For more information, visit [www.seiu500.org](http://www.seiu500.org).*

*The Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals (MCAAP) is an affiliate of the American Federation of School Administrators (AFSA) Local #146 and serves as the employee association and union that represents more than 850 administrators and supervisors in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). These positions are covered by two recognized units: the Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals (MCAAP) and the Montgomery County Business and Operations Administrators (MCBOA). MCAAP represents and protects the working conditions, professional and employment interests of its members through negotiated agreements. For more information, visit [mcaapmd.org](http://mcaapmd.org).*