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Educators Rallied to Fund MCPS, Honor Union Contracts

Rockville, MD - The Montgomery County Education Association held an evening rally on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, near the Rockville Metro Station on Rockville Pike to demand that the County Council fund the MCPS FY27 budget and honor MCEA's union contract with MCPS.

[Rally footage can be found here.](#)

County Executive Marc Elrich, County Councilmember Will Jawando, and Board of Education member Natalie Zimmerman joined dozens of educators and other supporters lining the streets. County Council At-Large candidate Fatmata Barrie, Board of Education candidate Omar Lazo, Sunil Dasgupta, and Matt Post, delegate candidates for Districts 19 and 14, respectively, also joined.

“We’re united in calling on the County Council to find a funding solution that will provide support for all of our students, enhance critical support for special education, and ensure student safety needs are met,” said MCEA President David Stein. “Together, we are also asking the Council to provide funding to honor our union’s contract and to help educators navigate today’s affordability crisis.”

“It was heartening during Teacher Appreciation Week to see and hear the public expressing their support for educators and funding our schools,” added MCEA Vice President Danillya Wilson. “If the Council does not act to fund our schools, it will result in serious cuts to critical student programming and staff. As educators, we are here to remind the Council of the importance of putting our students first.”

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.