

Sayers, Margery

From: Melinda Collins <melinda@mqcollins.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 10:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for HCPSS

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To whom it may concern:

I am an incoming PTA VP at Northfield Elementary and have only been in the Howard County School District for two years. When our family relocated from Charlotte, NC to Ellicott City, MD a few years ago, selecting a school district was an essential part of that transition. Howard County's Public School System's reputation is incredible, but it will only remain that way if we are willing to put forth the resources and effort necessary to meet the standards expected from a superior school district.

With Covid, students really took a hit. They missed so many learning opportunities, including the basic lessons learned from daily face-to-face interaction. As we move into the year ahead, it is essential that the Board of Education has the financial means to support students, as well as their entire family. We have an obligation to serve our future generations with the education they need to thrive in our society. Please vote to adequately fund the educational system and standards of HCPSS.

Thank you,

Melinda Collins

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From: Grace Boachie-Ansah <gba2k@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 5:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: HCPSS Education Funding

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Good day,

As the County Council prepares to vote on the completed county budget, I write to request that the HCPSS Board of Education proposed budget amount be maintained. It is critical that the educational obligations and standards of the Howard County Public School System be adequately fund to support our students!

Thank you kindly for your attention to this matter!

Grace Kena
HCPSS parent

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From: R M <emailfortestimony@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 5:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Some Concerning Amendments

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My parents moved to Columbia before I was born; drawn here by Rouses dream town. Growing up I benefited greatly from living in a mixed-income community- something I didn't quite realize until I met people who had not, especially kids of other IT workers.

The high home prices and the lack of middle-income affordable housing in this community are threatening the dream. That shining city on a hill that I hope to raise my own children in. I was very worried to see projects that have mixed middle-income and low income housing referred to as concentrations of poverty (since when is the middle class a poor!) despite being right next to a large areas of market-rate housing and also that there will be amendments that will prevent these places for even being built. Perhaps in other parts of the county it might be fine to make it accessible only to people who can afford \$700,000 homes but in Columbia it is not.

Please ensure that these projects can continue I understand that the pandemic has constrained our budget (though with the crazy home sales it looks like that Recordation Tax would have really helped us) but the amendments to not be structured in a way or done in such a way as to prevent these buildings from happening

I know a lot of people are saying 'but the school system' but how can we have a school system that attracts great teachers if young teachers starting out cannot live anywhere near where they work? Especially with how teachers were treated during the pandemic the County Council must do its part (housing, county services) to attract them.

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks <Kathleen_Hanks@hcpss.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 1:59 PM
To: Cathy Datz; BoE Email; BallBulletin; CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin B; Michael Martirano; Hira, Safa
Cc: Theo Cramer
Subject: RE: [External] Important time sensitive Requests for retiring HCPSS Teacher

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Dear Ms. Datz:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education and the Office of the Superintendent. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your question to Dr. Theo Cramer, Community Superintendent. He or his designee will contact you. Once again, thank you for your email.

Kind regards,

Kathy Hanks
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Board of Education of Howard County
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From: Cathy Datz <cathydatz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 11:14 AM
To: BoE Email <boe@hcpss.org>; Howard County Executive Calvin Ball <ballbulletin@howardcountymd.gov>; councilmail@howardcountymd.gov; Councilmember Calvin Ball <cball@howardcountymd.gov>; Michael Martirano <Michael_Martirano@hcpss.org>; Safa Hira <shira@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: [External] Important time sensitive Requests for retiring HCPSS Teacher

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Dear Members of the BOE and Dr. M and Dr. Ball

I am reaching out to ask for your assistance for an incredibly special retirement. Mary McCoy has been the PE teacher for Lisbon Elementary for 38 years. That is right 38 of her 39 years has been at Lisbon. She has taught almost 3 generations and many children of students she had over the years. I have had my children in HCPSS for 22 of the 24 years I have lived in Lisbon and I have been honored to have her teach all three of them. I am the PTA president, and I oversee the making/getting the retirement gifts from the parents and community. I need some help; I am very happy to the work once I have the information.

1. How would be go about have the Lisbon ES Gym dedicated and named after her Mary McCoy? I reached out to Vicky however I know she is remarkably busy. We would like this to happen by June 11th (her Retirement Parade). I do not know

the procedure but hoping with a BOE meeting on 5/27/21 it could be "voted" if a necessary step. The PTA would pay for any signage or letters just send us the bill. We are trying to surprise our Lisbon Admin and Staff also but I will tell them before hand if you would like us to.

2. We are making a sign that has the Date Lisbon was opened, the total number of Students from 1983 to 2021, the total number of teachers in those years, the total number of Principals/VP in those years, the number of Field days held at LES, total renovations/upgrades since 1983. This would be added to the final line of PE teachers... 1. We can add number of BOE, CE, and Superintendents if you would like us too. If you can point me in the direction of where to find these numbers, I will do the Math and work, I just need the info.

3. We have Guest books at The Grill at Lisbon located in Lisbon where the community and past and present students can add pictures, notes, memories, I am hoping that all members of the BOE, Superintendent, the County Executive, the County Council would be willing to add a note or card to it. If you are unable to get to Lisbon by 6/11, please send it to me at Cathy Datz PO Box 13, Lisbon 21765.

4. The parade is 6/11 from 1-2 pm if any of you would like to show this amazing and dedicated teacher how much she means to Howard County (she is a HoCo resident too) and HCPSS please attend the car parade. If we can give her the Gym dedicated at that time that would be AMAZING, then all her "children" can be a part of it.

5. We would like to make a special timeline for her, but we need Gym flooring. Mrs. McCoy worked hard to get the gym floor for Lisbon, and it looks the same as the day installed. She has protected that floor, my children (ages 31, 22, and 9 all remember the rules of Mrs. McCoy's floor). We are hoping that one of the floors being renovated or removed we can have a few pieces to paint the timeline of events on it (and she has been through a lot)

I realize this is a short notice, but I know together we can do this and send this dedicated PE teacher into retirement with honors and love. Please contact me by email or phone anytime. Please let me know how we can have this happen. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

Cathy Datz

Lisbon PTA President

Lisbon Parent

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From: Marina T <mtompkins26@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 1:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for HoCo Schools

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Hello Council Members for Howard County,

I am a mother of two daughters in 1st and 2nd grade at Northfield Elementary School. I am aware that you will be voting on next year's county budget. Many of you are parents, I urge you to adequately fund the educational obligations and standards of the HCPSS. Our school's, especially Northfield, are already overcapacity; let's not diminish our standards too.

Sincerely,

Marina Nellius, parent and Howard County resident

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From: Kellie Song <Kellie_Song@hcpss.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 12:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: HOCo Budget

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Hi, my name is Kellie Song, and I'm an educator at Oakland Mills High School. I'm calling to urge the County Executive to recognize the hard work of educators like me. We need a budget that fully funds our salaries and positions like mental health counselors and special educators. We're counting on you to do the right thing.

Thank you,

Kellie Song

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From: Laura Nelson <Laura_Nelson@hcpss.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 12:28 PM
To: councilmail@howardcountymd.gov <councilmail@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Kellie Song <Kellie_Song@hcpss.org>
Subject: HOCo Budget

Hi, my name is Laura Nelson, and I'm an educator at Oakland Mills High School. I'm calling to urge the County Executive to recognize the hard work of educators like me. We need a budget that fully funds our salaries and positions like mental health counselors and special educators. We're counting on you to do the right thing.

Laura Nelson
Health Education Teacher
Lifetime Fitness Teacher
Oakland Mills High School
410-313-6945

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The Maryland Crisis Hotline: Dial 211 and then choose option 1

The Crisis Text Line: Text 741741 and a trained counselor will respond.

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255

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From: Vicki Learn <Vicki_Learn@hcpss.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 12:16 PM
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Subject: HoCo schools need funding!

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Please stop short-changing the education budget!

Our teachers have not been given a cost-of-living increase in YEARS. We need your support to be able to continue to do our best to support our students!

Thank you!

Vicki Learn

Special Education/ Math
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"Fight for the things that you care about but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

(Ruth Bader Ginsburg)

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