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MCEA Reacts to County Executive Elrich's Proposed County Budget

Rockville, MD – The Montgomery County Education Association applauds County Executive Marc Elrich's commitment to fund Superintendent Taylor's proposed operating budget. "What this budget does is recognize the real needs that students and families have in our school district, while remaining cognizant of the fiscal challenges that we continue to face" said MCEA President David Stein. "MCEA understands the uncertainties at the state and federal levels, but above all, we appreciate the steadfast commitment to students, families, and educators."

Educators have deep relationships with families and communities in which they work and are acutely aware of rising costs of groceries and other household items. "Our members face the same affordability crisis that thousands of Montgomery County residents face. We know what unaffordability looks like, what it feels like," remarked MCEA Vice President Danillya Wilson. "We applaud the County Executive for addressing the affordability crisis through progressive tax credits that would offset any proposed property tax increases for working class families."

"This is the solutions-oriented policymaking we expect from leaders in Montgomery County," said President Stein. "This past year, we have seen unprecedented consensus amongst MCPS stakeholders on the need to address our special education crisis, enhance school security, and make sure that all students have excellent educators in their classrooms. It's now time for the County Council to step up and get this budget funded."

MCEA represents more than 14,000 classroom teachers, school counselors, speech pathologists, media specialists and other educators in the Montgomery County Public Schools system; MCEA is one of the largest local affiliates of the National Education Association (NEA) and is a leader in building a new kind of educators' union that responds to the needs of today's educators and students. For more information, visit www.mceaneae.org.