

Christ Episcopal Church

4001 Franklin Street
Kensington, Maryland 20895
301-942-4673

April 11, 2023

Dear Members of the Montgomery County Council,

It has come to my attention that funding for several of the Community School Coordinator positions for Linkages to Learning/EveryMind have been slated to be eliminated in the coming year.

I would respectfully ask you continue funding these essential positions that support the County's most vulnerable children and families.

Christ Episcopal Church has partnered with Arcola Elementary School's Linkages to Learning Program to help support the student participants and their families for more than 12 years. We have enjoyed supporting the Thanksgiving Food Program, Holiday Giving, Coat Drives, Diaper Drives, Art Program Support, Emergency food needs, and numerous other initiatives over the years.

Key to the engagement of the community has been our engagement with the Community School Coordinator at Arcola. Each of them has been an essential part of the team – educating and communicating with the congregation and making us aware of emerging and emergency needs. We have observed how *dedicated and busy* the Community School Coordinators have been making sure that the students have fundamental needs met so that they can learn and thrive.

There is simply no way that the Community School Liaison can coordinate and offer the level of support needed.

Please feel free to contact me for any additional information via email, emily@ccpk.org or via phone at 202-746-5728.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Emily Guthrie
Rector

www.ChristChurchKensington.org