

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Kaye Orinion and I am writing to request that Montgomery County Public Schools reconsider their decision to eliminate Arcola Elementary's Community School Coordinator position and offloading that work to Arcola's Community School Liaison. These two separate positions are crucial to Arcola's population and is a disservice to over 75% of our students and families.

Arcola's CSC, Ms. Emily Fuentes, and CSL, Mrs. Heather Hunter, are both extremely involved with the school and our community. As a PTA member, I've personally witnessed Ms. Fuentes working overtime to provide amazing activities, programs, and events for our Arcola community that have a high value-added impact to our families. Ms. Fuentes also works with us parents on the PTA to call for support should a family need something and we've built a great relationship with her and emphasizes our community supporting each other.

Just today, April 14, I helped Mrs. Hunter hang up donated clothes that serve our students and families in need. Mrs. Hunter is so busy she couldn't do it herself and requested my support which was the least I could do. If her workload doubles due to eliminating the CSC position, our Arcola and students will suffer, and so will Mrs. Hunter's physical and mental workload. Please do not do this without understanding the long-term impact you will do to our community.

This idea of eliminating the CSC position at Arcola is unreasonable, and feels like a knee-jerk reaction when Superintendent Dr. Monifa McKnight and County Executive Mark Ehrlich just asked for an increased MCPS budget. As far as I'm aware, there are other positions, particularly in MCPS headquarters that can be consolidated without having impact to our Arcola community.

Thank you for your consideration and I know MCPS will make the right decision to support our students and families by not eliminating the CSC position at Arcola ES.

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