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Dear Montgomery County Council:

I'm writing to express my support for the property tax increase. Montgomery County Public Schools desperately needs more funds, and funding is clearly short in Montgomery County these days.

MCPS is spending less per pupil than they did before the 2008 recession. While they are doing their best with their limited resources, they are struggling to provide the special education support that is federally mandated with the budget they have. In addition, the resources provided by MCPS are not equal to what my gifted son would receive if he were in FCPS or HCPS.

As these facts become clearer and clearer, fewer and fewer people will move to Montgomery County, making the situation worse and worse. We need to pay taxes so that the services we depend on are provided; so that the services making this a good place to live exist. I'm grateful that MCC has the vision to consider raising property taxes to invest in the community, and I urge you to go through with it.

Sincerely,

Erica Werfel