

Resolution on the FY 2013 Capital Improvement Program Budget and the FY 2013-18 CIP Adopted October 25, 2011

WHEREAS, in November 2011, the Montgomery County Board of Education will consider a Recommended FY 2013 Capital Budget appropriation request and FY 2013–2018 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) request;

WHEREAS, the FY 2013 Capital Budget appropriation request will require the availability of sufficient funding sources from the state and county budgets, including state school construction funding;

WHEREAS, in this fiscal environment, the availability of sufficient funding is subject to significant uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, the types of projects planned in the FY 2013 Capital Budget appropriation request and the FY 2013-2018 Capital Improvements Program would provide critical school additions, modernizations and other improvements to provide students with safe, secure and adequate learning facilities;

WHEREAS, student achievement depends upon the availability of safe, secure and adequate facilities that are conducive to education.

THEREFORE, the MCCPTA RESOLVES:

THAT the CIP should provide sufficient funding to preserve the County's position as providing one of the premier public school systems in the nation;

THAT the state should provide sufficient funding to enable the County to fulfill its capital program, including all state aid that is necessary to preserve the County's position as one of the premier public school systems in the nation;

THAT state aid should amount to at least the \$40 million expected for Fiscal Year 2013 as projected in prior CIPs;

THAT the County and the Board of Education should prioritize available funds in a way that does not harm the educational opportunities provided to all students and that provides all students with a safe, healthy and modern learning environment for education;

THAT MCCPTA supports prioritizing available funds to ensure that necessary school capacity projects (additions and new schools) and planned modernizations are not delayed;

THAT MCCPTA further supports prioritizing available funds to the following county-wide programs: HVAC Replacement, Roof Replacement, Building Modifications and Program Improvements, Planned Life Cycle Asset Replacement, Safe Access to Schools and School Safety Improvements; and

THAT MCCPTA supports adequate funding to provide necessary technologies to support the planned curriculum for all students on an equitable basis.

MCCPTA authorizes its President to represent the organization throughout the budget cycle in the way that, in her discretion, best advances the above objectives.