

Dear Parents Educators and Community,

We are excited to start the school year off and welcome all of our children back to school. All of our educators and staff are committed to improving the outcomes for your children because they are the future of the county, and the state of Maryland.

As we work to improve the opportunities and conditions for our students, educators, and community, it is important that you are aware of the huge opportunity we have as a community to raise our voices to make sure that all of our schools and students have the funding that they need. For the first time in 20 years, the state is revising the school funding formula. This is great news because districts like ours have been underfunded for quite some time and the formula revision is our opportunity to change that.

We've already made progress in these efforts to more equitably and adequately fund our schools. Last year, thousands of Prince Georgians spoke out in support of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and came to Annapolis to advocate for its passage. The Blueprint is a downpayment on the funding needed to ensure that our students receive a world-class education. It will add \$1.1 billion in funding across the state over the next three years--but now we need a long-term solution to the underfunding of our schools.

The General Assembly's revision of the funding formula this school year is our opportunity to do just that. Students need programs like career technical education, pre-k, and more that will prepare them for the jobs of the future and help our economy. And at a time when half of Maryland educators are working a second job to make ends meet, we need to do more to support the school employees who dedicate their lives to our kids.

To get this done, we need to make sure that your voices are heard. We are hosting several town hall meetings across the county so that elected officials can hear from parents, students, and educators about the importance of fully funding the Blueprint legislation and the recommendations from the Kirwan Commission and ending the underfunding of our schools. We hope to see you at one of the town halls listed on the other side. You can learn more and register to attend at marylandblueprint.org.

Sincerely,

Theresa Mitchell Dudley
President
Prince George's County Educators Association

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

IMAGINE FULLY FUNDED SCHOOLS

JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY FORUM

LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL FORUM

WHEN: THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 2019

WHERE: 8000 CHERRY LN.

LAUREL, MD 20707

TIME: 6:30 PM

BOWIE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

WHEN: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23, 2019

WHERE: 15200 ANNAPOLIS RD.

BOWIE, MD 20715

TIME: 6:30 PM

PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHEN: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2019

WHERE: 301 LARGO RD.

LARGO, MD 20774

TIME: 6:30 PM

OXON HILL HIGH SCHOOL

WHEN: MONDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2019

WHERE: 6701 LEYTE DRIVE

OXON HILL, MD 20745

TIME: 6:30 PM

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