



Burtonsville Elementary School PTA

Burtonsville Elementary School
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Burtonsville Elementary is part of the East County community, which has been historically underserved, undervalued and underestimated. We request that Montgomery County Council fully fund the renovation and expansion of Burtonsville Elementary School, without delay.

Specifically, during arrival and dismissal, the school's traffic infrastructure cannot safely and efficiently accommodate pedestrians and car traffic. In addition, the arrival delays impact the student's valuable instructional time. ***We request a dedicated bus lane, a dedicated carpool lane and extending the parking lot for the safety and accessibility of the students and staff.***

We are concerned about space utilization for the school's cafeteria, which also has to be used as a multi-purpose room. Due to the lack of adequate facilities, lunch periods start at 10:40am and end at 2:10pm. ***We request the renovation of the cafeteria and the addition of multi-purpose space for the enhancement of the BES community's in-building experience.***

To support our requests for funding, refer to the latest feasibility study, which identifies three important areas for improvement: Classroom Capacity, Core Facility Capacity and Safety.

The assessment provided four options for building improvements. Option 1 provides the best value for maximum impact; a two-story structure for additional classrooms and a multipurpose room/cafeteria, as well as reconfigured bus lanes and parking lot. ***We request Option 1 be funded and modified to support the school's current programming needs.***

We believe that the students of Burtonsville, as well as the East County community, deserve better.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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