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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dale Ellis

DATE: March 7, 2011

SUBJ: AGENDA ITEM (Section V – Resolutions)

Attached you will find two proposed resolutions for your consideration.

The first is a resolution to encourage our legislators to extend the current temporary sales tax rate that is expected to expire on June 30. Extension of this tax rate will net the state over $1billion in the coming fiscal year.

The second is a resolution to encourage the senate to not pass Senate Bill 8 which encourages charter schools. We feel the bill as written will have a negative effect on public schools.

I will be available to answer any questions you may have.

These resolutions are action items and will require a vote.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING THE CURRENT SALES AND USE TAX RATE AND THE CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL INCOME SURTAXES

WHEREAS, no more important goal of any free society exists than the education and care of its children; and,

WHEREAS, the future of North Carolina's economic development depends upon a sufficient level of investment in its public schools; and,

WHEREAS, in 2009 the General Assembly raised the State sales and use tax rate by 1% and enacted a corporate and personal income surtax to help balance the budget; and,

WHEREAS, the current sales and use tax rate and the corporate and personal income surtaxes are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is facing an estimated $3.7 billion deficit in the 2011-2012 fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed level of funding without the temporary revenue would harm the education of the children and impact future economic development; and,

WHEREAS, extending the temporary revenue generated by the current sales and use tax rate and income surtaxes past its June 30, 2011 sunset date would narrow the anticipated deficit by approximately $1.5 billion; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montgomery County Board of Education hereby adopts this Resolution and respectfully requests the North Carolina General Assembly, in the name of protecting public education and other important services, extend the current sales and use tax rate and the corporate and personal income surtaxes for the period of the biannual sessions.

This resolution was duly considered and approved by the Montgomery County Board of Education at its meeting on March 7, 2011.

ATTEST:

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION



Dale Ellis, Secretary

Steven W. DeBerry, Chairman