



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
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OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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Mr. Michael A. Durso, President
Board of Education
Carver Educational Services Center
850 Hungerford Drive, Room 123
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mr. Durso,

You have received a copy of the memorandum from three of my Council colleagues regarding the relocation of the MCPS Shady Grove Transportation Depot. As you are aware, Councilmembers Katz, Leventhal, and Elrich attended the community meeting MCPS held last Wednesday evening to hear from the community regarding initial project planning to park school buses on the parking lot at the Carver Educational Services Center (CESC).

We share your concern that the ultimate transition of this critical element of MCPS transportation operations must be carefully and thoroughly planned. Last November, the County Council approved Resolution 18-320, to extend until December 2016 its time to consider the Declaration of No Further Need (DNFN) for Montgomery County Service Park East, known as Jeremiah Park, the current site of the Montgomery County Public Schools' Shady Grove bus depot. At that time, the Council stated that it had extended time for consideration of the DNFN "in order to make sure there are interim and permanent plans for relocation of the MCPS bus depot functions."

I have scheduled a Council worksession on the property disposition and depot relocation issues for June 21. Until that time, we respectfully request that MCPS suspend all planning and other preparatory activity related to the proposed Carver site. Our staff will work with your staff and with Executive branch staff to prepare for this worksession, and I invite you and your Board colleagues to attend this discussion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. My colleagues and I look forward to continuing to work with you and the Board of Education to resolve this complex infrastructure issue.

Best,

Nancy Floreen
President, Montgomery County Council