

Wootton Cluster PTAs and PTSAs present

A Meeting with

Maryland State Senators and Delegates

for the 15th, 17th and 39th Districts

Monday, November 28th

7:00 pm

Wootton High School, Media Center

State Senators and Delegates will speak with us about issues that will affect education, our schools and our children in the next legislative session in Annapolis.

Wootton Cluster Parents, and students, should attend this important meeting!

Although the bulk of the funding for our schools comes from Montgomery County, a significant portion of the funds come from the State, especially with regard to school construction.

It is important that we focus some of our advocacy efforts on the State because:

- Reductions in Montgomery County's operating budget last year (in dollars per student spent) mean that it is highly unlikely that any of the cuts from last year will be restored
- The County Executive has proposed slowing capital expenditures for construction and improvement of infrastructure (like school buildings)
- Wootton High School has been overcrowded for many years and is scheduled for a major modernization in 2017
- Cold Spring and Dufief are also in line for modernizations
- In the balance of revenue and cost sharing between the Counties and the State of Maryland, there have been proposals in recent years to shift the responsibility for employee pensions back to the Counties, adversely impacting the County's budget.

This is an important opportunity to engage in a dialogue with your State representatives and have your voices heard on educational issues.