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MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
Office of the President

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MEMORANDUM

To: Montgomery College Colleagues

From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President

Subject: County Executive's Recommended Budget for Montgomery College

County Executive Ike Leggett released his budget recommendations today, and I wanted to update you on the status of the College's fiscal year 2014 operating budget request.

The operating budget request we submitted to the county recognizes your personal and professional sacrifices over the last several years, including furlough days in fiscal year 2011 and no additions to base salaries in three years (four years for administrators). The primary focus of our request was additional county funding to help provide salary enhancements. It is an investment in our most valuable resource—the men and women who empower our students to change their lives. And in an effort to support our students who have been shouldering a greater share of our budget, for the first time in years, this budget request does not include a tuition increase.

I am pleased to report that the county executive today recommended $99 million in tax supported funding, an increase of $3.7 million over last year and the first increase the executive has been able to recommend in a number of years. This is very good news for you and for our students. Our county executive recognized that, despite continued fiscal challenges facing the county, an investment in Montgomery College's employees and students contributes to the future vitality of our county and its residents.

The county executive's budget now goes to the Montgomery County Council as the next step in the budget deliberation and decision-making process. Over the next two months, the council will seek input through public hearings, hold committee work sessions, and participate in full council deliberations. Throughout the process, we will work to ensure that councilmembers know of the sacrifices you have made and of the academic excellence we provide every day to our students. The request for salary enhancements and the need to offer an affordable tuition and a quality education for our students are top priorities in our advocacy efforts.

As the budget situation develops, I am committed to keeping you informed. Thank you for your continued dedication to our students and to our mission.