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Public Hearing Comment Form

Questions or More Information (301) 645-0570 A public hearing on the FY2021 Operating and Capital Budget Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. The meeting will be held remotely via video teleconference. This virtual hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged. Comments are accepted using this form May 5, 2020 8 a.m. through May 11, 2020 5 p.m.

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Comment

Everyone always talks about how important teachers are, yet such slow progress is always made towards paying teachers a proper, liveable salary and providing students with the extra support they need when it comes to more personnel, and more or better materials. There are many underappreciated professions, and teaching is one of them. It's gotten to the point that many teachers are not staying in the field as long as people used to. Many of the those that choose to leave the profession are the exact people that we need to stay due to their love of the profession. However, salary is the force behind leaping into other career fields. From speaking with other educators I know that other reasons include an every-growing workload, testing, growing behavioral and mental health concerns among students, and lack of support from school officials at the board of education level. Teaching has become very stressful, so stressful to the point that a lot of teachers feel that it's not worth it for the salary they're earning (the amount of

disrespect from both students and parents, and lack of overall concern from parents is astounding). I am a School Counselor, and proud to be one. But I wonder, will I be able to stay in this profession for thirty plus years like my mother did? There is never enough of what is needed. And I understand that it's probably not possible for all needs to be met, realistically speaking, but it just seems that meeting needs is such a low priority. Teachers are becoming burnout at higher rates than in the past, and our kids are suffering from lack of academic and mental health services. I'm willing to tough things out for at least a few more years, and do my best to make my voice known, and I hope that I will see more changes for the betterment of both students and teachers.

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