

EDUCATION ISSUES FROM THE GROUND UP

March 6, 2007 (7:00 -9:00 p.m.)

Bethesda Elementary School*

7600 Arlington Rd., Bethesda, MD

Co-Sponsored By The District 16 Democratic Club &
Young Democrats of Montgomery County

- ***Hear Distinguished and Knowledgeable Speakers Talk About Key County Education Issues***

Confirmed Speakers:

- **Shirley Brandman (Vice President – At Large) & Patricia O’Neil (District 3) Board of Education Members**
- **Bonnie Cullison, President, Montgomery County Education Association**
- **Michael Bayewitz, Principal, Luxmanor Elementary School**
- **Jane de Winter, President Montgomery County Council of PTAs**

- ***Ask Your Questions During A Panel Discussion***

• What is the impact of No Child Left Behind Act? • How is the new law affecting our schools? • Are we seeing benefits? • What are the problems? • How does the County and BOE budget process work? • What new initiatives are being undertaken by MCPS? • What is the current status of reading and math initiatives? • How is the curriculum forced to match new testing? • What is the status of mandatory preschool? • What are the current testing requirements? • What are the requirements to be eligible for gifted and talented program? • What interventions are being used to address weaknesses of those students that are not in Special Ed? • Does MCPS have a homework policy? • Are there early grade foreign language immersion programs?

*** Before 6:50 p.m. sign-in at classroom 133 to permit set up; program event to be held in All Purpose Room 116. For questions, contact: Steve Vieux (MoCo Young Dems) at (301) 589-1922 or svieux@prodigy.net; Sue Byrnes (D-16 Dem Club) at (301) 656-6627 or shbyrnes@yahoo.com; or Doug Canter (D-16 Dem Club) at (240) 223-7282 or dmcwash@mshpc.com.**