## TO THE PARENTS OF A SGA CANDIDATE:

Your son/daughter has expressed his/her intention of running for a Student Government Association (SGA) office. As the faculty advisor to the SGA, I feel that it is important that you be aware of the commitment your child will be accepting if he/she wins. First, academically, the Montgomery County Board of Education adopted a resolution requiring that elected officers maintain a 2.0 grade point average (with no more than one failing grade). An SGA officer often must miss classes to attend countywide meetings, general assembly meeting, meetings with the principal and other special training sessions. Although, as sponsor, I prefer meetings to be scheduled before and after school, there is a certain amount of class work that SGA officers miss and are expected to make up. When meetings are before and after school, class work is not affected, but you, as parents, become directly involved by providing transportation.

Secondly, one of the hardest lessons for an adolescent to learn is the ability to recognize when he/she is overextended. Some students who become actively involved in SGA are also involved in other activities. I would ask that you help your son/daughter realize the time, commitment and responsibility his/she is willing and able to accept!

Please call ( $\qquad$ ) or email ( $\qquad$ ) me if you have any questions or concerns about a specific office or item that I have mentioned. Your child also received many other handouts that you may wish to read. Please remember that being an SGA officer is really and invaluable "hands on " educational learning experience.

Sincerely,

SGA Advisor

I have discussed the responsibilities and commitment of being a student government leader with my son/daughter.
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