



**SPECIAL EDITION**

# IMPORTANT EASMC UPDATE

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## BIG STAKES FOR YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR STUDENTS

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a final public budget hearing on **Tuesday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. at Great Mills High School**. It is pivotal that you attend wearing **"Red for Ed."** in **support of a moderate tax increase to fund our public schools**. Speakers are needed to thank the four supportive commissioners and to support the modest increase! Free food trucks will start serving at 5 p.m. courtesy of EASMC and SMASA, while supplies last.

**Bring ALL your friends and kids too!**

## BUDGET HEARING DESIGNATED SPEAKER WORKSHOP

A mandatory writing workshop will be held on Friday, April 19th, 1:30 p.m. at the EASMC office for designated speakers. This workshop will provide guidelines, proof-reading, and writing support for the public comments. Designated speakers will be provided association leave, starting at 1:00 p.m. to attend. MSEA communication specialists will be leading the workshop. All designated speakers will get a designated EASMC logo item as a thank you for your willingness to speak on behalf of your colleagues.



## COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

EASMC is teaming with the superintendent in hopes of preserving the essential features of our high-quality school system. We are jointly asking you to show up in support, and you will likely hear more from your principals. It is essential that we show our gratitude to reaffirm and bolster this bold move by four commissioners to moderately raise taxes (for the first time in years). This will fund the negotiated agreements, essential staff positions, current schools, and quality student programs. Superintendent Smith and EASMC have developed this plan.

- Each school will select one member to be the designated speaker. EASMC site reps. will assist and send names to EASMC.
- All other attendees from that school should stand behind and alongside the designated speaker at the microphone.
- Speakers will have up to three minutes to read their public comment.
- These public comments representing EASMC/SMCPS must be approved by EASMC in coordination with the superintendent.
- Please see the information regarding the designated speaker mini-workshop.

Interested in being your site's primary speaker? Reach out to your EASMC site rep., or email President Penrod at [spenrod@mseanea.org](mailto:spenrod@mseanea.org).





# OUR STUDENTS ARE WORTH EVERY PENNY!

The Board of County Commissioners needs to hear from YOU!

Show your support and gratitude for a modest tax increase to keep our quality public schools, staff, and educational programs.



**Public Budget Hearing**  
**Tuesday, April 23**  
**Great Mills High School**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Free Food Trucks:**  
**Nicolletti's, Rita's and Boston Dawgs**  
**Provided by:**  
**EASMC & SMASA**  
**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

