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TC Williams PTSA Statement
City Council Public Hearing
April 4, 2005

Good evening Mayor Euille, Vice-Mayor Pepper and City Council Members,

My name is Julie Scanlon and I am speaking on behalf of the TC Williams PTSA. I am here to fully support the Superintendent's comprehensive proposed budget. This budget was put together with full participations from the parents, teachers, and administration on what is needed for our schools to succeed. I know that you have your work cut out for you in trying to bring balance to the City's budget, and I don't envy you.

I want to thank City Council and the School Board for working together over the past several years to ensure that our children have the best educational opportunities available to them. Through your efforts ^{our} ~~are~~ school are successful and we have a community of learning ~~and~~ that has solid parental, faculty and administration support. Our kids are getting an excellent education because you've continued to make the commitment to fully fund the schools over the last several years.

I commend all the work so far from School Board Member Arthur Schmaltz and City Councilman Rob Krupicka's proposal that Alexandria adopt a long-term goal of expanding pre-school access for all of Alexandria. This kind of initiative, both in program and in action, is a significant positive stride in bringing diversity into the schools at the very beginning.

Thank you for your time today and I encourage you to fully fund the School Board's requested budget.

*I'll see many of you at the Scholarship Gala
on Saturday.*