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***-- Parents of the Woodson FCPS Pyramid to host FAIRGRADE --  
"Backyard Social" and Issue Briefing this Sunday – 9.7.08***

### ***EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PRESS***

**Fairfax County, VA –Friday, September 5, 2008–** FAIRGRADE today announced they have accepted an invitation for a “Backyard Social”, organized by parents of the Woodson Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Pyramid. The event is scheduled for this Sunday, September 7, 2008 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the home of Alex and Ed Hackett – located at 9702 Flintridge Court (Somerset South Subdivision). This event is open to the press.

“We’re excited about this grassroots effort. Woodson Pyramid parents want to hear more from FAIRGRADE about their advocacy to revise current grading policies and their collaborative efforts with FCPS,” said event organizer Ed Hackett.

Doug Pickford, a co-organizer for the backyard social, said he’s received 50 RSVPs for the event, with a crowd of 75-100 people expected to attend.

During the 2007-08 school year, the W.T. Woodson PTSA unanimously approved the following motion in support of FAIRGRADE:

"Woodson PTSA strongly endorses the efforts of FAIRGRADE, and urges the FCPS School Board to revise the existing FCPS grading scale to be more in line with other nationally recognized public high schools, including but not limited to returning to a 10 point grading scale, and to address its weighting policies for Honors and AP courses as well. In addition, to avoid having another class of eligible college applicants be penalized, Woodson urges that the Board vote to make this change as soon as possible, to be implemented in the Fall of 2009, and to make such change retroactive to ensure that all existing students will have a report card that reflects the revised grading system."

For more details, contact event co-organizer Doug Pickford at: [dlpickford@verizon.net](mailto:dlpickford@verizon.net) or 703.323.3929.

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