

MCCPTA Capital Improvement Plan Committee

Plan of Work 2008 - 2009

Chair: Steve Augustino

Committee members: Deborah DeMille Wagman; Jim Keenan; Kate Savage; Lori Goodwin; all cluster coordinators, Executive Board

Goal: Every child should attend school in a safe, secure, and modern facility. Success of academic programs is interdependent on adequate and appropriate learning environments. The CIP Committee will work to see that MCPS appropriately meets countywide facilities needs and that CIP budgets are fully funded to meet educational specifications and program needs.

Principal Activities:

- Provide information to cluster coordinators and advise on CIP testimony,
- Assess countywide needs, and analyze MCPS countywide priorities;
- Provide testimony on capital budget issues on behalf of President and MCCPTA, to MCPS staff, BOE, County Council and other elected officials as needed;
- Propose annual and long range objectives and policies for approval by MCCPTA Executive Board and Delegates;
- Coordinate with the Operating Budget Committee on the relationship between operating and capital budgets, both locally and at the State level;
- Coordinate with the Legislative Committee on efforts to increase state CIP funding through communication, interaction, and lobbying;

Description of Work and Estimated Completion Dates: Work closely with MCPS Department of Long-Range Facility Planning staff to communicate issues and information to and from Cluster Coordinators, delegates, PTA presidents and Executive Board. For 2008-09, we anticipate the following activities and programs:

- Meet with the Superintendent, Board members, County Council, and other elected officials during the CIP budget process (September to May);
- Provide MCCPTA testimony to the BOE and County Council (November and April/May);
- Organize CIP forum after release of the Superintendent's recommended CIP (October);
- Arrange CIP Worksession prior to testimony (November)
- Arrange follow up meeting with BOE to address Board member questions during CIP hearings (December);
- Report to membership/executive board on status of funding and new projects; boundary studies or special task force groups, contact with facilities staff on problems or needs (periodic);
- Work with MCPS, BOE and the County Council to develop reasonable modernization schedules by school level, elementary, middle and high.

In addition, the CIP Committee will draft a "Guide to the Construction Process" for PTAs with additions or modernizations planned. Our target is complete a first draft by April.

Funding Requests: The CIP Committee requests \$250 to secure facilities for the CIP Forum and the CIP worksession.