

**Curriculum Committee Report
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The Curriculum Committee will host the following meeting in the Auditorium of the Carver Educational Service Center (CESC) which is located at 850 Hungerford Drive (Routh 355) in Rockville.

Monday, December 14th, 7:30pm-9pm
Seven Keys to College Readiness
Presentation and Collection of Parent Feedback

The Washington Post published an article on May 18, 2009 that had the following description of this MCPS Initiative: Montgomery County educators are blitzing parents and students with information on what they call "Seven Keys to College Readiness." The initiative, also promoted on the Web (<http://www.mcps7keys.org>), spells out in detail the courses and tests that officials say point toward academic prosperity. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/05/17/AR2009051701884.html>

This meeting will review the Seven Keys and collect feedback about them from parents that MCCPTA can then convey to MCPS.

Seeking Volunteers to Represent MCCPTA on MCPS's Curriculum Advisory Committee
MCPS's Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC) reviews, discusses, and advises staff in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction regarding content specific curriculum development, implementation, monitoring, and review. Curriculum Advisory Committee members also collaborate with evaluation and selection committees in related content areas for purposes of information sharing and alignment of decisions. MCCPTA sends parent representatives to the CAC's and we need a number of people to represent all aspects of the community. Based on feedback, the curriculum advisory committee has been restructured this year to focus on one or two content areas each evening session of CAC and allow all CAC members to review and advise on more than one content area.

If you are interested in representing MCCPTA on the CAC, please contact the MCCPTA Curriculum Committee Chairs (contact information above). Meetings will take place from 7-9 pm on the following Mondays: November 9, January 11, March 8, & May 10.