

## MCCPTA Committee Work Plan 2007-08

**Committee:** Grading & Reporting

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### Vision

*How does the work of your committee support the objects and mission of PTA and the focus of MCCPTA?*

The work of the Grading & Reporting Committee supports all three of the Maryland PTA and MCCPTA missions by:

- ▶ supporting and speaking on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, at MCCPTA meetings, and before MCPS which makes decisions affecting children;
- ▶ assisting parents in developing the skills and knowledge needed to raise and protect children; and
- ▶ encouraging parent and public involvement in the public schools of the nation through participation in discussion about G&R issues affecting the Montgomery County Public School population

### Goals

*Give a summary statement of your committee's goals for this year. Consider how you will identify attainment.*

- 1) Perform further research and further develop MCCPTA stance and on the potential impact of **altering the method for final grade calculations** and attain MCCPTA decision regarding the final grade calculations
- 2) Address potential **revamp of categorization of grades reported on Online Achievement and Reporting System (OARS) and other OARS related issues** such as security, accuracy and weight of grade categories and method of calculating grades within a category (summative or raw data conversion)
- 3) Assist in drafting and finalization of **IKA-RA**

- 4) Work with MCPS to develop and refine **field test versions of standards-based elementary school report cards**
- 5) Continue participation in/with the **Grading and Reporting Implementation Team (GRIT) and Grading and Reporting Advisory Committee**

### **Action Steps**

*What does your committee plan to do to achieve these goals? Include plans for meetings, mailings, etc., interaction with other MCCPTA committees, MCPS staff you may work with and in what capacity, other county, state or federal agencies, organizations you may contact as part of your action plan.*

- 1) Discussion of **altering the method for final grade** calculations will be achieved through e-listservs, Delegates' assembly, by obtaining MCCPTA feedback and attending work group meetings (if applicable) on the topic.
- 2) Work with MCPS, MCCPTA and public to address potential **revamp of categorization of grades reported on Online Achievement and Reporting System (OARS) and other OARS related issues**; request parent involvement in one-text committee currently being formed for making such recommendations of the OARS issues to Dr. Lacey
- 3) Obtain committee representation for work group to sit on the **IKA-RA** drafting committee; report back to the MCCPTA body; solicit, gather and refine MCCPTA feedback obtained for these purposes to take back to IKA-RA committee.
- 4) **Elementary school standards based report cards**; follow up on the implementation of grades 1 and 2 standards-based report card piloting; track progress of adding more field test schools; request parental involvement in attending meetings related to the development of the standards based report cards in MCPS primary grades 3 through 5 and Kindergarten.
- 5) Continue attending meetings of the **Grading and Reporting Implementation Team (GRIT) and Grading and Reporting Advisory Committee**

### **Expenses**

\$100 for copying and transparencies and meeting refreshments