

Health Committee Report – September 2009

Chair: Susan Young

MCPS Wellness Policy Committee

This committee, working with the MCPS Office of Shared Accountability, conducted surveys with parents, teachers, administrators and others to assess the current implementation of the MCPS Wellness Policy. The surveys formed the basis for the development of a “toolkit” of strategies for promoting wellness in our schools. The toolkit has now been completed and distributed to principals for their use.

Other Montgomery County Health Committees

I will continue to meet regularly with key county health and nutrition officials via the School Health Council, MCPS Wellness Committee, and the Citizen’s Advisory Committee on Family Life and Human Development.

I have also recently been appointed to the Montgomery County Community Health Improvement Process (CHIP) Steering Committee. CHIP was formed as a mechanism to coordinate the efforts of public and private organizations to identify and address health and health-related issues in the County, including disparities in health status among populations in the County. Montgomery County is initiating CHIP to address these needs.

I will report on the work of all of these committees in future months.