

MCCPTA Legislative Committee Work Plan 2008-09

1. **Chair:** Merry Eisner, VPLegislation@MCCPTA.com

Committee Members: TBD (sign up now!)

2. **List of other people (within MCPS, county government, etc.) that you routinely interact with:**

The Montgomery County Delegation to the General Assembly:

District 14: Senator Rona E. Kramer
Delegate Anne R. Kaiser
Delegate Karen S. Montgomery
Delegate Herman L. Taylor

District 15: Senator Rob Garagiola
Delegate Kathleen M. Dumais
Delegate Brian J. Feldman
Delegate Craig L. Rice

District 16: Senator Brian E. Frosh
Delegate William A. Bronrott
Delegate Susan C. Lee
Delegate William C. Frick

District 17: Senator Jennie M. Forehand
Delegate Kumar Barve
Delegate James W. Gilchrist
Delegate Luiz R. S. Simmons

District 18: Senator Richard Madaleno
Delegate Alfred C. Carr, Jr.
Delegate Ana Sol Gutiérrez
Delegate Jeff Waldstreicher

District 19: Senator Mike Lenett
Delegate Henry B. Heller
Delegate Benjamin F. Kramer
Delegate Roger Manno

District 20: Senator Jamie Raskin
Delegate Sheila Ellis Hixson
Delegate Tom Hucker
Delegate Heather R. Mizour

District 39: Senator Nancy King
Delegate Saqib Ali
Delegate Charles Barkley
Delegate Kirill Reznik

MDPTA Legislative Committee

Laura Carr, VP Legislation, MDPTA
Rick Tyler

3. Vision: The role of this committee is to assist MCCPTA with advocacy in state and county education issues and legislation, and to represent MCCPTA on county, state and federal legislative committees. Additionally, members of the committee serve as a liaison with Maryland PTA and the National PTA, keeping MCCPTA delegates informed of legislative issues and changes. Finally, this committee is responsible for encouraging and supporting local units in grass-roots advocacy on county-wide and state-wide issues that impact the education, health and safety of Montgomery County's children.

4. Goals:

- Increase general awareness of MCCPTA budget priorities amongst Montgomery County elected officials by end of December, 2008 (well in advance of voting season.)
- Support MDPTA and National PTA Advocacy efforts – and communicate the relevance of these efforts to the MCCPTA during the MGA session in the spring of 2009.
- Inform MCCPTA of actions pertaining to the Maryland General Assembly's adoption of the annual budget, and proposed bills that impact the education and/or safety of students.
- Make recommendations to the MCCPTA President, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and/or Delegates regarding the adoption of organizational positions on such bills and laws.
- Provide additional advocacy support to local units as requested and draft frequent written communications to be posted on the MCCPTA listservs to bring more information to local units in a timely manner.

5. 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.*

- Hold a series of two-on-one coffees with each Senator and Delegate to discuss key issues raised at the area meetings. Attendees will include the Senator or Delegate, the committee chair, and an involved PTA representative who lives within the Senator/Delegate's district.
- Hold the annual Legislative Dinner on Monday, November 10th, 2008.
- Manage MCCPTA's participation in PTA Night in Annapolis in February, 2009.
- Participate in the MDPTA Legislative Committee.
- Closely monitor, via computer, telephone, and in-person, activities during the Maryland General Assembly's legislative session in the spring of 2009, providing timely feedback to the MCCPTA Executive Committee, BOD, and Delegates Assemblies.
- Support MCCPTA BOD dinner with County Council in the spring of 2009.

Expenses:

Membership (was included in last year's expenditures):	\$60.00
Legislative Dinner (paper goods & food):	\$740.00
County Council Dinner: (food only):	<u>\$450.00</u>
Total:	\$1,250.00