

January 2009

MCCPTA Gifted Child Committee Report

Chair: Susan J. Thomas

Upcoming Meeting

The next MCCPTA Gifted Child Committee (GCC) informational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 7:30—9:00 PM at Gaithersburg High School (cafeteria). The topic is mathematics (acceleration, differentiation strategies, and pathways.) MCPS staff will present information and data and will be available for questions. The meeting will be open to the public. Before the meeting, the GCC Chair will be soliciting questions, concerns, and suggestions from PTA members about the ongoing MCPS math acceleration.

Revision of MCPS Policy IOA

The current MCPS Policy IOA, Gifted and Talented Education, was adopted in 1978 and amended in 1986 and 1995. In preparation for revision of that policy by the Board of Education in 2009, MCCPTA has had two representatives on the MCPS Accelerated and Enriched Instruction (AEI) Advisory Committee. That committee confers with AEI staff, providing feedback and guidance about MCPS policies and plans involving gifted and talented students and programs and suggested revisions of Policy IOA. MCCPTA's current representatives serving on the AEI Advisory Committee are Susan Joyce Thomas and Ted Willard. The next AEI Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2008.

The representatives to the AEI Advisory Committee have drafted a resolution that we anticipate will be presented to the MCCPTA Board of Directors at its meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2008. Following that meeting, information about that resolution will be discussed with PTA GT Liaisons and other PTA members prior to a vote.