

## MCCPTA Committee Work Plan 2009-10

### **Committee: DCC Committee**

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**Committee Members:** Cluster coordinators from Blair, Einstein, Northwood, Kennedy and Wheaton clusters, which make up the Downcounty Consortium (DCC) and the Area VP for Blair, Einstein, Northwood, and Kennedy. These clusters span two quad cluster areas and have two community superintendents.

### **Vision**

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

This group coordinates the efforts of the PTAs in the DCC with special attention to the needs of the high school and middle school consortium programs and the associated choice process from elementary to middle school to high school. We focus on providing strong academic programs throughout the DCC to insure that there are equitable programs in place at all of the DCC schools.

### **Goals**

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

Under the direction and approval of MCCPTA, this committee will address the following goals this year:

A major focus of the DCC Committee this coming year will be on our middle schools, since several schools did not make AYP this year, although two others including, Parkland MS and Silver Spring International, did make AYP after struggling for several years. The Committee will also continue to work on the need for equitable programs in the 9 DCC middle schools, which includes the three schools in the Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC)—Parkland, Loiederman, and Argyle.

On the high school level, the Committee will continue to work with the Consortium office staff on high school choice issues and the transition from middle to high school. We will continue to work on obtaining comparable data on academic achievement levels in our high schools. This has been an issue as the high schools were not collecting the same data and comparisons were difficult.

The Committee may identify additional issues in their fall meetings and give regular updates to the MCCPTA Board of Directors and to the MCCPTA Delegates.

### **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.*

Under the direction and approval of MCCPTA, this committee will use the following steps to achieve the outlined goals:

The DCC Committee meets 4-5 times during the year with our Community Superintendents. Depending on the topic, the meetings also include staff from the Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services (DCCAPS aka the Consortia Office) and the Director of the Department of Enriched and Innovative Programs, which oversees the DCCAPS office. We also have an active email listserv among cluster coordinators. We will continue to work with our BOE members and County Council members on high priority issues affecting the DCC and keep the MCCPTA President informed. This Committee will continue to work with and inform the MCCPTA President and the MCCPTA VP of Educational Issues of ongoing committee work.

Individual PTA members from this committee will testify at the BOE Strategic Forum on October 15, as this has been a highly effective way of highlighting issues in the DCC area without the constraints of focusing on CIP or operating budget issues.

### **Expenses**

None requested.