

Legislative Committee Work Plan 2009-2010

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Committee Members – Will recruit

Vision:

The work of this committee supports the mission and objects of MCCPTA and MDPTA by providing information to the membership regarding issues, actions, bills, and laws undertaken by individual members, or the Maryland General Assembly as a whole, that affect public education or the safety of students.

Goals:

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

The Committee's primary goals are to:

1. Track actions pertaining to the Maryland General Assembly's (MGA) adoption of the annual budget.
2. Provide information to the membership about proposed bills and their sponsors and the impact on the education and/or safety of students including bills followed and considered by Maryland PTA.
3. Make recommendations to the MCCPTA President, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and/or Delegates regarding the adoption of organizational positions on bills and laws that impact the education and/or safety of students that are being considered by the Maryland General Assembly.
4. When directed by the MCCPTA President, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and/or Delegates prepare memoranda, position papers, committee reports, and committee updates on subject matter assigned to the committee.
5. 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 2010.
6. Provide additional advocacy support to local units as requested and draft communications to be posted on the MCCPTA listservs to bring more information to local units in a timely manner.

Action Steps:

Under the direction and approval of MCCPTA, the committee will take the following action steps:

1. Track actions related to the adoption of the annual budget by the Maryland General Assembly the committee will utilize the media, contacts with members of the Montgomery County Delegation, school board legislative analysts, and other resources.
2. Provide information to the membership about proposed bills and their sponsors impacting public education, children's issues, and public safety including bills followed and considered by Maryland PTA. The committee will create periodic written reports that will be distributed through MCCPTA Executive Committee Meetings, Board of Director Meetings, Delegate Assemblies, the MCCPTA Bulletin Listserv, and MCCPTA Website.
3. Make recommendations regarding the adoption of organizational positions. The committee will research specific bills and contact bill sponsors to ascertain: Jurisdictional Authority, Definitions of term, Beliefs that were relied upon to determine current law, Beliefs that were relied upon to determine that a change was warranted and bill drafted.
4. Hold meetings with Senators and Delegates to discuss key issues raised in either MCCPTA meeting or local PTA meetings as approved by the MCCPTA President.
5. Hold and participate in the MCCPTA annual Legislative Dinner.
6. Manage MCCPTA's participation in PTA Capital Hill Visits in consult with the MCCPTA President, Board of Directors and Delegates.
7. Participate in the MDPTA Legislative Committee and provide feedback to MCCPTA.
8. Closely monitor, via computer, telephone and internet, activities during the MD General Assembly's legislative session in the spring of 2010, providing timely feedback to the MCCPTA Executive Committee, Board of Directors and the Delegates Assembly.
9. Support MCCPTA BOD dinner with County Council in spring of 2010.

Expenses:

\$1400

Legislative Dinner (850)

County Council Dinner (450)

Committee for Montgomery Membership (60) -*This may be included elsewhere in budget*

Any refreshments for committee meetings - (40)