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MCCPTA Legislative Report

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We want to thank everyone for their outstanding advocacy efforts this winter. For those of you who may have missed it, Phil Andrews thanked and praised everyone for the great work that MCCPTA did in supporting Montgomery County. This helped us get our fair share of funds in the State budget. We also received a wonderful compliment in someone suggesting that they were a bit upset with MCCPTA . (Lightheartedly, but I think heartfelt) Apparently, we took away funds that they had been anticipating for another area and secured them for school funding. These are only small examples of the repeated compliments that the members of MCCPTA have received these last couple of months.

We want you to know that we recognize what everyone gives up to be involved and to try to make these differences. We think it is important that each of you know how much of a difference you made this year. Our commitment to the community did not go un-noticed, and we thank you for all of your extra time energy, and support.

This month the Legislative committee began to focus on getting end of session reports and updates as well as more concentrated county issues. Some of the local activities this month were:

- County Council Dinner and MCCPTA/PTA testimony nights 15th & 16th
- Franchot visit to Gaithersburg HS - Attended by Senator Forehand, Delegate Gilchrist, BOE Laura Berthiaume, MCCPTA President, Kay Romero, Gaithersburg PTA representatives and cluster coordinators, and many others -- 4/22
- Champions for Children Gala with other MCCPTA representatives -- 4/21
- Legislative report of District 17 to Gaithersburg City Council -- 4/27
- Committee for Montgomery - End of the year summary from Senator Rich Madaleno & Anne Kaiser and the Baltimore County Executive. -- 5/4
- Delegates Assembly -- 4/28
- BOE Legislative update -- 4/28
- Washington Post Principal of the Year Awards Banquet -- 4/29

- Upcoming QO Cluster meeting 5/11 Legislative report

Over the next month, the Legislative committee will try to turn more attention on advocating for specific issues that the membership would like to have extra support on as well as following the progress of the County Council budget.