

## MCCPTA Parent Involvement Committee Work Plan 2009-2010

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### **Vision**

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

One of the missions of the PTA is: To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools. The activities of this committee will directly support that mission as well as MCCPTA's focus on supporting student achievement. Research shows that schools that show the greatest improvement in student achievement have the highest levels of parent, family and community involvement.

The committee will provide resources for parents to be more involved in the education of their children, while providing assistance to PTAs to improve parent involvement activities offered in their school communities.

### **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, the committee will address the following:

- (1) Provide resources for parents in the county so that they may be empowered to help and support their children achieve greatness through more involvement in their children's education, school and the PTA. (Target parents are low income and multi-cultural families).
- (2) Identify effective practices related to parent involvement in Montgomery County and other counties nationwide. The committee will share those effective practices with school PTA communities, so they may use those tools to help support increased parent involvement.
- (3) Provide assistance to PTAs attempting to initiate and improve parent involvement activities. Encourage PTAs to seek out parent involvement liaisons in each school to reach out to underserved families within the school community.
- (4) Encourage the liaisons to work with the MCPS Division for Family and Community Partnership to offer leadership training and resources for parents seeking to be more effective in the lives of their children.

## 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, the committee will take the following action steps:

- (1) The first step is to identify parents from as many schools as possible who are willing to be a part of this committee, and who can commit to taking this information back to their various schools and utilizing it. Feedback from these parents will give the MCCPTA Parent Involvement Committee a sense of what works and what doesn't. The committee wants to recruit "diversity liaisons" from school communities to reach normally underserved parents, and who are willing to translate literature for the PTA that could be sent home to notify selected families of activities that are planned for their benefit.
- (2) Work with the various PTA presidents to see what their needs are and also to learn of the successful practices at their school.
- (3) Form a partnership with the MCPS Division of Family and Community Partnership and Linkages to Learning to reach out to families, especially the low-income families and multi-cultural families in our community, and to find ways to overcome the various barriers that hinder parents from being involved more in schools to support their children.
- (4) Identify ways PTA leaders in the county could assess where families and educators are in adopting the parent involvement best practices recommended in the report of the State Board of Education's newly adopted Maryland Parent Advisory Council report, Shared Responsibility: Recommendations for Increasing Family and Community Involvement in Schools.
- (5) In the spring of 2010, we would like to present the International Parent Education Workshop, which would target immigrant parents. The purpose of this workshop is to create a forum for these parents, to introduce them to the school system, and empower them with the resources and information that they need to be involved and effective advocates for their children.

Expenses:

\$150 for refreshments for committee meetings.