

## **Health and Safety Committee Report December 2009**

**Chair: Laurie Halverson**

### **Alcohol Awareness Student Video Contest:**

“Keeping it Safe” (a program to reduce adolescent access to alcohol)

Under-21 Alcohol Prevention Coalition presents:

The 2010 STUDENT VIDEO CONTEST

What? Contest challenge: Create a 30-second public service video on one of these topics—

Preventing under-21 alcohol use

What to do if you are worried about someone’s drinking

How media influences your thoughts about under-21 drinking

Who? Montgomery County public and non-public high school students and middle school youth groups such as clubs, organizations, classes. Students may obtain an application packet from—

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/safe](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/safe), by mail, by calling 301-279-3041, or by e-mailing [margaret\\_e\\_baker@mcpsmd.org](mailto:margaret_e_baker@mcpsmd.org)

Why? Compete for CASH and recognition for your group!

High School: 1st place: \$1000 and a trophy; 2nd place: \$500 and a trophy

Middle School: 1st place: \$500 and a trophy; 2nd place: \$250 and a trophy

When? Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

Mail or hand deliver video to: KEEPING IT SAFE,  
MCPS Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Mark Twain Building,  
14501 Avery Road, Rockville, MD 20853.

### **Anti Bullying Policy**

**Note: The Board of Education has received very few comments on this policy, so please be sure to send in your comments by January 18.**

On October 26, 2009, the Board of Education tentatively adopted Policy JHF, Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation to comply with Maryland law and to demonstrate commitment to addressing this issue. The policy includes professional development for administrators and staff; encouraging student involvement in prevention efforts; facilitating communication with families and the community and implementing strategies for supporting their children; ensuring collaboration with community health and mental health resources; and providing a range of interventions developed to prevent bullying, harassment, or intimidation while ensuring the safety of students who are victims.

Individuals who wish to provide comments should respond in writing by January 18, 2010. All responses should be sent to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850 or emailed to the Board of Education at [boe@mcpsmd.org](mailto:boe@mcpsmd.org). All responses will be shared with the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools. In addition to sending your comments to the Board of Education, MCCPTA would also like to hear your comments. Please forward your comments to MCCPTA Safety Chair, Laurie Halverson: [lauriehalverson@verizon.net](mailto:lauriehalverson@verizon.net).

Here is the link to the proposed policy:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdfcomment/JHFcomment.pdf>

Future Safety Meetings will be held in room 223 at Carver Educational Center, 850 Hungerford Dr. in Rockville:

- Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, March 22 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, May 10 at 7:00 pm