



The Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations

MCCPTA Legislative Dinner 2009 Press Release

The Montgomery County Council of PTAs (MCCPTA) hosted its annual legislative dinner Monday, October 19th at the Carver Educational Center in Rockville. State senators and delegates from districts 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 39 met with members of MCCPTA's Board of Directors to discuss educational issues that will be addressed in the 2010 legislative session in Annapolis [list attached]. Budgetary concerns were of primary interest to both board members and legislators, particularly building funds.

MCCPTA feels it is important for our elected officials to understand the educational funding needs of Montgomery County and the impact of those needs on our students before making decisions. We count on continued collaborative efforts between the state and county to ensure adequate funding for safe, well-designed buildings that will be able to accommodate both the county's growing enrollment and Maryland's high educational standards, and will give students access to the tools they need to support academic learning.

The county delegation also expressed concern over the proposal to move responsibility for teacher pensions from the state to the counties. Though MCCPTA does not take positions on teacher compensation, the pension issue is likely to affect county budgets in future years.

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