

January, 26, 2007

Dr. Jerry Weast, Superintendent
Montgomery County Public Schools
850 Hungerford Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Dr. Weast:

In light of local and national events, parents are increasingly concerned with the safety and security of students and staff at local schools. On January 23, 2007, the MCCPTA Delegate Assembly passed the attached resolution which asks that MCPS conduct a security inventory of their school facilities. Such security inventories should be significantly more extensive than the current annual security audits conducted at each school and should include input from staff and parents associated with each facility.

MCCPTA also asks that MCPS provide resources to ensure access to the school is adequately limited during the school day; that portable site specifications include consideration of security-related criteria; and that MCPS investigate ways to improve access to restrooms for students in portables, particularly during lockdown situations.

We look forward to working with you and the MCPS staff to ensure the safety of our children.

Sincerely,

Jane de Winter
President

Cc Larry Bowers, COO MCPS
Robert Helmuth, Acting Director School Safety and Security
Richard Hawes, Director, Department of School Facilities