

PTA Council of Howard County General Meeting

Homewood Center

May 1, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by PTACHC President Reg Avery. Quorum confirmed.

Treasurer's Report and Agenda are available on the website– Laurie Ramey

PTACHC Superintendent's Liaison Report

Achievement Gaps - Graduation is rapidly approaching and soon students will be headed for college. According to National Clearing House data, [Howard County is closing the gap](#) between students of color and white students enrolling, persisting and completing college. In looking at the data, we found strategies for further improvement as well.

Best High Schools -Five Howard County high schools have been ranked among the best in Maryland and the nation by [U.S. News & World Report](#). Marriotts Ridge and River Hill high schools are ranked among the top 10 in the state. The HCPSS schools included on the list and their respective state rankings among 206 Maryland schools are: Marriotts Ridge #6, River Hill #7, Centennial #11, Mt. Hebron #18, Atholton #34

EPA Recognizes HCPSS IEQ -The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently [recognized](#) HCPSS's success and commitment to implementing best practices for maintaining good [Indoor Environmental Quality](#) (IEQ) in our buildings.

Special Education Family Resource Fair Saturday May 6, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Cedar Lane School in Fulton and it's free.

Redistricting Online Survey HCPSS is beginning the redistricting process in preparation to open New Elementary School #42 in Hanover in fall 2018. Submit your feedback on school boundary adjustments via an [online survey](#) through Friday, May 12.

Parent Involvement Matters Award (PIMA) – Call for Nominations - The deadline for submitting nominations is Monday, May 15, 2017. Nomination forms and information: <http://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2017/04/pima-award-nominations/>

Legislative Report – worksheet provided by Donna Sudbrook; 2017 Maryland PTA 102nd Annual Convention ,July 27 - 29, 2017, Sheraton Columbia Town Center, Columbia, Maryland. Registration information is available at www.mdpta.org Guest Speakers will include Maryland's 2016 Teacher of the Year Athanasia Kyriakakos and University of Maryland Baltimore County President Freeman A. Hrabowski, III.