

Notes from PTACHC meeting 10/2/2017

- Please see attached the schedule related to School redistricting (entitled Redistricting Process – Timeline). On 10/3 the Acting school Superintendent will submit his recommendation. This begins the “formal” part of the process. Anything sent to the school system prior to 10/3 is not considered as “formal” testimony. Neither is anything sent after 10/3 to individual Board members. Formal testimony / commentary needs to be sent to boe@hcpss.org, as outlined in the document. Final vote is scheduled to be taken by the BoE on 11/16/17.
- Manor Woods Elementary awarded the Blue Ribbon National School of the Year, one of 6 Maryland schools.
- HCPSS is asking for input on the name for the new elementary school planned (#42). Naming recommendations can be submitted at :
<http://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2017/09/help-us-name-elementary-school-42-survey-open-until-october-11/>
- Lori Scott, chair of the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee gave a presentation. This committee acts as a liason between parents and the school system for children with special needs. She asked for parents to reach out with any issues they are encountering, including those around the development of Individual Education Plans for students. They are also in need of volunteers. Lori can be reached at secachair@gmail.com
- Lisa Rhodes with the Howard county office of Children and Families gave a presentation. She can help parents who would like information around school readiness programs for 0-5 year olds. Valarie Harvey also presented, she can help parents who are facing challenges with their adolescents in school.
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- Board of Education update was provided by Mavis Ellis. The Board is working with state legislature on a local bill that would allow the Board to have a more open position with regards to how they can structure the contract of the next Superintendent, as opposed to the current requirement of a 4 year contract. The Board has requested to the County Council that the new APFO legislation requiring that new development may not be approved if it causes schools to have a planned attendance of > 100% capacity. The Board has asked for RFPs from national recruiting firms as part of the search for the next Superintendent. The Board will present the 2018/2019 school calendar on 12/7 and it will be voted upon on 12/19.
- Please see attached a very short survey from Donna Sudbrook, our PTACHC legislative chair. She is asking for feedback on what parents would like to see as priorities. You can send feedback to her at legislative@ptachc.org
- The Community Advisory Council to the BoE of HoCo meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month in room B of the Board of Education building at 7 PM. Scheduled topics include the school’s homework policy for October, the Parent concern process in November, and redistricting in December. All community members are welcome and invited to attend. Their contact information is 410-313-6682 and email CAC@hcpss@gmail.com

Redistricting Process – Timeline

Tuesday, October 3 – 7:30 p.m.

Presentation of the Superintendent's Recommended Attendance Area Adjustment Plan
Wilde Lake HS, Jim Rouse Theater, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia

After Superintendent's Presentation

Board begins receiving official testimony via email/mail at boe@hcpss.org or Board of Education,
10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Thursday, October 7

Pre-registration for October 26 Public Hearing begins 8 a.m. for calling Board Office (410-313-7346 or 7194); 8:30 a.m. online - <http://www.hcpss.org/board/meeting-participation/>

Tuesday, October 17

Pre-registration for November 7 Public Hearing begins 8 a.m. for calling Board Office (410-313-7346 or 7194); 8:30 a.m. online - <http://www.hcpss.org/board/meeting-participation/>

Thursday, October 26 – 7 p.m.

Attendance Area Adjustment Public Hearing #1
River Hill HS Auditorium, 12101 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville

Wednesday, November 1 – 7:30 p.m.

Attendance Area Adjustment Work Session #1
Boardroom, 101910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City

Thursday, November 2 – 7:30 p.m.

Attendance Area Adjustment Work Session #2
Boardroom, 101910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City

Tuesday, November 7 – 7 p.m.

Attendance Area Adjustment Public Hearing #2
River Hill HS Auditorium, 12101 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville

Thursday, November 9 – 7:30 p.m.

Attendance Area Adjustment Work Session #3
Boardroom, 101910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City

Tuesday, November 14 – 7:30 p.m.

Attendance Area Adjustment Work Session #4
Boardroom, 101910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City

Thursday, November 16 – 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Attendance Area Adjustment Plan
Boardroom, 101910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City

PTACHC General Monthly Meeting - October 2, 2017
Legislative Committee Report

Dear PTACHC Community,

As the PTACHC Legislative Committee Chair, I have accepted membership to the **Maryland PTA's 2017-2019 Advocacy Committee**, chaired by Marla Posey-Moss, MDPTA's Vice President for Advocacy.

When the **Maryland General Assembly** (State Senators and State Delegates) convenes on **January 10 to April 9, 2018**, the MDPTA Advocacy Committee will begin weekly Sunday evening conference calls to review State Legislation that is proposed during the 2018 Session and impacts Education / Children / Youth. The committee reviews a spreadsheet that lists selected State Legislation and is updated as House Bills and Senate Bills move through the Legislature and are either dropped or become law. MDPTA testifies either in person or in writing for selected House and Senate Bills.

In preparation for the upcoming 2018 Maryland General Assembly, I am seeking feedback from our PTACHC Community on the below topics and on any other topics of interest. Legislation pertaining to these topics has come up in past Maryland General Assembly Sessions and may also come up in the 2018 Session.

1. State wide legislation around all day Pre-K (universal or targeted)
2. State wide legislation pertaining to Charter Schools
3. State support for New School Construction / Maintenance Issues

I will use your feedback to prepare further research and information for subsequent PTACHC meetings and also to represent the PTACHC community's views and priorities within the MDPTA Advocacy Committee.

Thank you for your feedback!

Sincerely,

Donna Sudbrook, PTACHC Legislative Chair, legislative@ptachc.org

I would prioritize spending on the below as follows: (number 1, 2, 3...)

_____ All day Pre-Kindergarten (universal or targeted)

_____ Charter Schools

_____ New School Construction/ School Maintenance Issues

_____ Other _____

Any comments or suggestions (I would like more information about __;), etc.;
