**President’s Report Submitted by: Cynthia Simonson**

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**Since April 1 -- Meetings/Calls/Events:**

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| 4/02 | Special Education – Follow Up Meeting |
| 4/06 | Councilmember Hucker Townhall – Guest |
| 4/08 | Office of Legislative Oversight – Discussion |
| 4/08 | Excomm Call with Superintendent’s Office |
| 4/13 | Excomm Discussion |
| 4/14 | State Board of Education Meeting |
| 4/144/15 | OSSI call regarding Principal selection processMCCPTA BOD Meeting |
| 4/16 | Special Education Call |
| 4/16 | Navarro/Wilson – Discussion |
| 4/21 | BOE Meeting – Observer |
| 4/22 | OCIP Meeting |
| 4/23 | Grading and Reporting Committee Meeting |
| 4/23 | Special Education Discussion |
| 4/23 | Graduations Options Discussion |
| 5/04 | Special Education Discussion |
| 5/09 | Magruder Cluster Presidents  |
| 5/09 | Damascus Cluster Presidents |
| 5/13 | Executive Committee Meeting |
| 5/14 | MCCPTA Board of Directors |
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 **Key Activities/Concerns:**

1. **COVID-19 Communications** – Continued passing information to/from MCPS on key areas of concern being raised by our Delegates/Presidents/Board via email and/or elist and social media discussions.
2. **Updated State/MCPS Requirements** – The State BOE has made and approved all changes to COMAR to ensure students are not unduly hindered from continuing their paths due to the pandemic. MCPS adjusted their graduation requirements in this week’s BOE meeting, aligning with the state requirements and waiving all additional MCPS graduation requirements.
3. **Elections/Necessary Board Transitions** – Worked with executive committee members to identify options to make necessary board transitions in the absence of being able to convene elections.
4. **Special Education –** Continued to advocate for several specific issues related to our special educations students. Services have been severely limited and concerns have surfaced related to instances where services are cancelled (not postponed) due to staff illness.
5. **Graduation Ceremony** – MCCPTA Board was asked to participate in a discussion on graduation options being considered, anticipating large group gatherings would not be possible by June.
6. **Grading & Reporting** – Participated in numerous conversations and discussions regarding the pros/cons of various scenarios related to semester grades/GPA calculations.
7. **Impact Discussions –** Began discussing impacts/recovery options for students with MCPS senior leadership – focused on this summer and in the fall – in light of lost learning from the school closure.