SAFE TECH COMMITTEE REPORT
November 2018

 Safe Tech (along with Cynthia Simonson) met with **MCPS Chief Academic Officer Dr. Maria Navarro** and her Deputy a few weeks ago. We presented our "Understanding Technology in the Classroom" white paper, which was well received. We sensed that MCPS is concerned (to some degree) about screen-time in the classroom. Together, we hope to find solutions to creating only "purposeful" use of Chromebooks. A follow-up meeting is pending.

• Co-Chair Lisa Cline has joined Boston-based **Campaign for Commercial-Free Childhood's Screens in Schools** work group on behalf of MCCPTA Safe Tech. The first meeting convened individuals from from Portland to Boston to Arlington, VA — all of who are concerned about the negative impact screens can have on academics and social-emotional well-being. This is an "A Team" of experts and advocates. We will learn a lot being part of this forum.

• We spoke with a team of Arlington Public School parents recently about an effort they've launched to give students a **low-tech education option**. This parallels an effort we have been crafting for quite some time and will learn from each other about how to move forward and include teachers in this conversation.

• On Wednesday, Nov. 28, Safe Tech participated in the ELA Curriculum Review. Thank you to Cynthia Simonson for paving that way.