Name of Committee: **Operating Budget**

Chair: Laura Mitchell Phone: (410) 422 – 2694 Committee Email: [operatingbudget@mccpta.org](mailto:operatingbudget@mccpta.org)

Vice Chair: Phone:

Communication (e-list, etc): N/A

**SUBCOMMITTEES / WORK GROUPS** (if applicable): None/TBD

**GOALS & OBJECTIVES**:

1. Work with Cluster Coordinators across the county to serve as, or provide, at least one committee member from their cluster.
2. Strive for diversity among committee members.
3. Empower stakeholders to effectively advocate for Operating Budget needs.
4. Educate local PT(S)A’s about the Operating Budget process and purpose.
5. Engage student groups, staff and parents in the process to gain insights on needs at individual schools as well as system wide.
6. Facilitate communication between MCPS and stakeholders.
7. Represent the entire county by having a robust outreach program, reaching out to all MCCPTA Areas, committees and SPED communities.
8. Advocate for the various Operating Budget needs in Montgomery County, including staffing, programs, furniture, equipment, technology, etc..
9. Offer support to MCPS, County Council, and State Lawmakers on bills that would provide more resources for the MCPS Operating Budget.
10. Monitor and provide updates on the progress of and facilitate efforts to override the Governor’s veto of the “Kirwan Commission” legislation.

**ACTIVITIES PLANNED**

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| **Activity** | **Details** | **Timeframe/Deadline** |
| Outreach and communication | Share information through listservs, email lists, and social media on at least a monthly basis. | Ongoing |
| Meetings | * Attend MCPS Operating Budget Advisory Committee meetings. * Conduct monthly Operating Budget Committee meetings in Fall – Spring, and ad hoc meetings via conference calls as needed at other times. | Ongoing |
| Training | Provide virtual training for effective testimony to the Board of Education and the County Council.  Set an expectation that Area VPs and Cluster Coordinators participate in the workshop, and strongly encourage Presidents & Boards from local units to attend. | January 9, 2021  (January 16, snow date) |
| Local Testimony | Facilitate BOE and County Council testimony by MCCPTA Board members. | January/March/April |

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| Kirwan Commission | Keep MCCPTA members apprised of the status of the efforts to override the Governor’s veto of the Kirwan Commission legislation and keep members apprised of related funding bills. | Ongoing |
| State Legislature | Work with State legislators to advance/protect the interests of MCCPTA families. Partner with Advocacy Chair on outreach to state legislators; host a legislative breakfast in Annapolis to share our point of view and enlist support for MCCPTA positions on proposed legislation. | January/February |
| Site visits | * Visit schools/PTAs with significant Operating Budget needs, upon request, during the day or during a PTA meeting. * Attend student leadership group meetings to gain feedback and insights, as permitted. | As needed |
| Updates | Keep MCCPTA updated on the MCPS Operating Budget priorities. | Ongoing |
| Educate County officials | Inform and meet with current and new political representatives and candidates about specific Operating Budget needs in the county. | Ongoing |
| Feedback | Propose annual and long-range objectives and policies for approval by MCCPTA Board of Directors and Delegates Assembly. | Ongoing |

Supplies Needed: Design and print palm cards with major priorities & positions for legislators, possibly for MCCPTA members if significant vocal support is needed.

Vendor(s)/Supplier(s) (if applicable): Montgomery Printing

Date of Agreement/Contract: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Budget requested: Request a budget of $1,000;

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| ~~CUPF rooms and copies for local testimony workshop(s)~~ | ~~$1.000.00~~ |
| ~~Food service for OBC Workshop and Kirwan briefing~~ | ~~1,500.00~~ |
| Legislative Breakfast for State Legislators | 1,000.00 |
| Total budget request | $1,000.00 |

**Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Important Dates:**

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| December 2020 | Public Presentation of the Recommended Operating Budget, location TBD |
| December 2020-January 2021\* | Sign-up period for speakers at Board of Education Public Hearings |
| January 9, 2021 | OB Testimony Workshop |
| January 2021 | Board of Education Public Operating Budget Hearings |
| January 2021 | Board of Education Operating Budget Work Sessions |
| February 2021 | Tentative Adoption of the FY 2022 Operating Budget |
| February 2021 | Board of Education Budget Transmittal to County Executive/Council |
| March 2021 | County Executive Releases the FY 2022 Operating Budget |
| April 2021 | County Council Budget Public Hearings |
| April - May, 2021 | County Council Work Sessions |
| May 2021 | County Council Budget Action |
| June 2021 | Final Adoption of the FY 2022 Operating Budget |
| \* Please check the Board of Education web page in November 2020 for information about the sign-up period for the public hearings. | |

**2020 Operating Budget Committee**

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| **Area** | **Representative** | **Email** | **Phone** |
| At Large: |  |  |  |
| **DCC** (Blair/Einstein/Kennedy/Northwood/Wheaton) | Laura Mitchell, Chair | [Laura\_mitchell@comcast.net](mailto:Laura_mitchell@comcast.net) | 410-422-2694 |
| **BCC**  (Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson/Whitman) | Vacant |  |  |
| **Central PTAs**  (Churchill/Richard Montgomery/Poolesville/Rockville/Wootton) | Vacant |  |  |
| **North PTAs** (Damascus/Gaithersburg/Magruder/Watkins Mill) | Khristy Kartsakalis | [treasurer@mccpta.org](mailto:treasurer@mccpta.org) | 301-367-3609 |
| **NEC**  (Blake/Paint Branch/Springbrook And Sherwood) | Vacant |  |  |
| **West PTAs** (Clarksburg/Northwest/Quince Orchard/Seneca Valley) | Vacant |  |  |