

Since November 1 -- Meetings/Calls/Events:

- 11/4 AVP Meeting with OSSI Assoc Sups and Directors
- 11/5 Meeting with Curriculum Committee/OCIP & OSSI
- 11/5 CIP Public Hearing
- 11/7 CIP Public Hearing
- 11/14 Excomm Meeting; BOD Meeting
- 11/15 School Climate Conference Call
- 12/2 Meeting with Superintendent
- 12/3 State BOE Meeting -- Virtual
- 12/3 LES PTA Meeting
- 12/4 Delegates Assembly
- 12/5 OCTO Meeting on Cell Phone Usage

Key Activities/Concerns:

- 1) **Graduation requirements** – This is happening at the State level (see September and October reports for long, exhaustive list of issues I’m tracking). For now, the “skinny” updates –
 - a. December 3, 2019, the State BOE had a presentation from the Graduation Task Force that included a slide presentation with the following being proposed. **MCCPTA – PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THESE PROPOSED CHANGES!!**
<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Documents/12032019/TabG-HSTaskForce-GraduationHealthTechnology.pdf>
 - i. Health Education: Increase credit requirement from .5 to 1.0
 - ii. Technology Education: Initial recommendation was to reduce credit requirement from 1.0 to .5 but now is back to 1.0 AND focusing our technology requirement on engineering and computer science. (There is already a very narrow group of offerings and difficulty finding teachers that have this expertise – let’s watch this closely!)
- 2) **MD Report Cards:** On December 3rd, I began trying to pull the data sets for my schools. I was saddened to learn the long awaited “per pupil” figures were not going to be part of this release (as previously reported – those will come in June from the State instead). I was frustrated that each data pull from the state site took multiple tries as the system kept glitching and tossing me out (maybe they have my number!). I am worried that schools with a drop in “stars” are not going to have a good guide to explain why they dropped. It is not easy to navigate and figure out what these numbers actually mean and how the calculations were done. If you have the patience, I urge you to pull the data sets directly (a feature we’ve been begging MCPS to incorporate into their reporting). You can pull the data (by year) to compare categories. Comparing one school to another is very tricky but, I’d urge looking at this with “swimmer mentality” – comparing yourself to yourself, it can be very enlightening to see where there is growth and where there is opportunity for further improvement!
<https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/Graphs/#/DataDownloads/datadownload/3/17/6/99/XXXX/3/17/6/99/XXXX>