

## MCCPTA Multicultural Awareness Committee and ESOL Subcommittee 2016-2017 REPORT

**Chairs: Fresia Guzman & Antonio Hernandez-Cardoso**

### Committees Activities:

- Antonio participated in the MCCPTA Fall Training performed on September 6 with a roundtable "round table" session on "Multicultural Engagement & Communication". The session in Spanish and English had an attendance of 25 parents (see attached handouts provided and discussed at the meeting)
- Fresia and Antonio have been actively participating in the MCPS-EBAC (ESOL Bilingual Advisory Committee) during this scholar year (monthly meetings).
  - The charge is to revise the purpose and membership of the group under the new MCPS structure (see MCPS at: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/esol/committee.aspx>)
  - As the Chair of the EBAC, Antonio provided testimony on the FY 2018 Operating Budget to the BOE on January 11, 2017 (see attached Oral and Written testimonies)
  - Nomination for MCPS-ESOL Awards were submitted to all schools for "ESOL principal of the year" and "Outstanding ESOL teacher" for each level. Ceremonies are planned in each school during mid-June (see attached Memorandum)
- Antonio has been actively participating in the MCPS-LSAAG (Latino Student Achievement Action Group) during this scholar year (monthly meetings).
  - The charge is to revise the policies, practices, and beliefs of MCPS to make recommendations to be culturally competent and those which are barriers to success (see MCPS at: [http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/community-engagement/LSAAG%20Charter%20as%20of%206\\_2\\_15.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/community-engagement/LSAAG%20Charter%20as%20of%206_2_15.pdf))
  - Meetings with high level officers of MCPS have been held in order to understand the systems and be able to serve as an additional tool to connect MCPS with the Latino community, evaluating data and programs in place (e.g. Choice Study, Naviance implementation, Special Education, Dual Language Program, MCPS Budget, MCPS TV, LASU Services, ACA Non-Discrimination, Equity and Cultural Proficiency, SEPA/CREA Program, ACES Program, Dual Language and Career & Technical Education, etc.)
  - As the former Co-Chair (parent), Antonio has been representing the group in different events and signing letters and communications to MCPS
- Fresia and Antonio have been actively participating in the MCLAC (Montgomery County Latino Advocacy Coalition) during this scholar year (Ad hoc meetings).
  - Advocacy on Education has been the first target of this group comprised by organizations and individual outside of MCPS
  - Support during public testimonies and presence in public and social media
  - Spread information and public testimonies to the BOE and Council members