

MCCPTA Special Education Committee Report March-April 2017

To: Exec Committee

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Activities:

*Continue to work with Audit Accountability team.

*Submitted written testimony to the MD General Assembly, Senate, in support of HB1240. The proposed legislation falls under Individualized Education Programs - Burden of Proof in Due Process Hearings and Studies. Among other things, this legislation would shift the Burden of Proof in special education due process hearings to the local school districts. MDPTA and MCCPTA support this legislation.

MCCPTA Resolution can be found here:

http://www.mccpta.com/resolutions/2011-2012/Resolution_on_Burden_of_Proof_in%20_Special_Education_passed_4_24_2012.pdf

*Submitted written testimony to the MD General Assembly, House of Delegates, in support of HB 1486 - Teachers and Teacher Preparation Programs - Research-Based Reading Instruction. The purpose of this legislation is to improve teacher preparation in reading at the college level by setting standards for the delivery of research-based reading instruction. The bill also requires a test of the foundational skills of reading for certification of certain teachers. This test has already been approved by MSDE but is not being required for certification.

*Signed up as an organization for MCPS Special Education Summit on April 22.

*Received nominations and speaker confirmations for 29th Annual MCCPTA Special Education Committee Recognition ceremony. Ceremony will be held on the evening of Monday, May 8, 2017.

*Reviewing nominations and preparing notifications.

*Continue to help special needs families navigate issues with the school system.

Respectfully submitted,

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MCCPTA Special Education Committee Chair