

MCCPTA Committee Work Plan 2016-2017

Committee: Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

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County Council Education Committee members, and their staff

Vision

The Committee is dedicated to the principle that children in Montgomery County Public Schools are entitled to attend school in safe, secure, healthy, modern facilities. The CIP Committee supports the advocacy of MCCPTA and individual clusters on capital-related issues in an effort to support MCCPTA's mission to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Goals/Objectives

The CIP Committee's goals for 2016-2017 are to:

1. Promote awareness and increase understanding by local PTA leaders, members and MCCPTA cluster coordinators, of the CIP and of issues involving County development affecting schools and school facilities.
2. Provide information necessary to allow MCCPTA and local PTA leaders to knowledgeably advocate for County and State officials to provide adequate funding for the Superintendent's recommended FY2018 Capital Budget and amendments to the FY 2018-2023 CIP and other school construction resources.
3. Expand the CIP committee and NSR subcommittee to include at least one representative from each MCCPTA Area and to encourage and assist members in becoming experts in specific CIP topics that interest or concern them.
4. Work with MCPS to provide an avenue for addressing non-capital facilities needs that come to the attention of cluster coordinators and DLRP staff during the CIP Cluster Comments period in the spring and the six-year CIP development process in the fall.
5. Educate PTA leaders and members about relocatable classroom issues and assist local PTAs in addressing concerns about the condition, use, and functioning of the relocatables.
6. Monitor re-evaluation of FACT scores of all schools. Work with MSCP and BOE regarding reordering of the revitalization/expansion queue and ensure adequate information is provided to cluster coordinators and individual schools.
7. Engage the Board of Education, County Council, County Planning Department, and municipalities to collaborate towards addressing school overcrowding and replacing aging buildings by reviewing agency policy, funding, and land use. (NSR)

8. Revisit the MCCPTA resolution on co-location adopted in school year 2011-12, by evaluating co-location of county services at school facilities, discussing our concerns regarding types of co-location projects, and determining which projects MCCPTA would support and/or encourage.

9. Advocate for a reasonable and cost-effective County-funded, long-term replacement for the Shady Grove bus depot.

10. Advocate and provide information and MCCPTA perspective to BOE members, and County and State officials regarding the 21st Century School Facilities Commission (Knott Commission).

Action Steps

Ongoing Activities:

- Provide information to cluster coordinators and advise on CIP testimony and on testimony relating to issues involving County development and school facilities.
- Assess countywide needs, and analyze MCPS countywide priorities.
- Propose annual and long-range objectives and policies for approval by MCCPTA Board of Directors and Delegates Assembly.
- Coordinate with the Operating Budget Committee on the relationship between operating and capital budgets, both locally and at the State level.
- Coordinate with the VP of Advocacy on efforts to increase County and State CIP funding and school resources.
- Report to membership/executive board on status of funding and new projects; boundary studies or special task force or roundtable groups; contact facilities staff on problems or needs.
- Address such other issues as may be requested by the MCCPTA President, Board of Directors and/or Delegates Assembly.

2016-2017 Activities:

- Assist Cluster Coordinators and Area Vice Presidents in compiling and submitting Cluster Comments.
- Advise Cluster Coordinators and Area Vice Presidents on testimony relating to the Subdivision Staging Policy.
- Attend area summer meetings with DLRP.
- With the direction and input of the Executive Committee, the CIP Chair will participate in MCPS meetings to develop the Superintendent's recommended FY2018 Capital Budget and amendments to the FY 2018-2023 CIP (September).
- Provide training on CIP and CIP advocacy at Fall and Spring MCCPTA training.
- Organize annual MCCPTA/MCPS CIP Forum after the October 27, 2016 release of the Superintendent's recommended CIP.
- Advise affected schools/clusters regarding FACT reassessment and re-ordering of the revitalization/expansion queue to be released October 13, 2016.
- Conduct work session for MCCPTA and individual cluster testimony to the Board of Education (November).
- Arrange follow up meeting with BOE to address Board member questions that arise during CIP hearings (December).
- Assist with CIP testimony before the BOE (November) and the County Council (February).
- Conduct work session for MCCPTA and individual cluster testimony to the County Council (Jan).
- Develop and coordinate a program with MCPS to discuss the types, placement, maintenance and role of relocatable classrooms in our school system.
- Coordinate a MCCPTA evaluation of co-location of county services at school facilities and a discussion of co-location projects MCCPTA could support and/or encourage.
- Use the MCCPTA e-lists and social media to publicize CIP issues, to hear a discussion of CIP concerns, and to promote CIP meetings and programs.
- Work with VP of Advocacy to coordinate events, advocacy, and testimony at the State level in support of school construction funding.
- Advocate with Board of Education, MCPS, Planning Board, Planning Department, County Council, and other County and municipal leaders on NSR priority issues.

2016-2017 Meeting Schedule:

October 27, 2016: MCPS/MCCPTA Joint CIP forum, 7 pm. 45 W. Gude Drive, Rockville

November 2, 2016: CIP testimony workshop for BOE, time and location TBD

Because CIP Activities are front-loaded in the fall, the CIP Committee anticipates holding monthly meetings from September through November, and bi-monthly meetings from January through April. After review for potential conflicts, the Committee will propose a meeting schedule.

Information that will be provided for the CIP page of the MCCPTA website:

- CIP Committee Work Plan
- CIP Committee meeting dates, times, locations
- CIP reports and updates of committee work
- NSR priorities and updates
- Link to FY2017 Educational Facilities Master Plan
- Link to Superintendent's Recommended Capital Budget and CIP
- Links as needed regarding CIP issues
- Updates on CIP-related agency meetings, and local and state decisions

Expenses:

The CIP Committee requests \$150 to cover fees to reserve meeting space for CIP Testimony Workshops and as many as five committee meetings.