

### **Recent & Ongoing Activities**

- Met with Kevin Lowndes Kevin E. Lowndes, Associate Superintendent, Office of Special Education
- Led MCCPTA Training on Special Education
- Took National online Board Training
- Provided updates for MCCPTA web site (ongoing)
- Held Special Education Chair Meet and Greet on Monday, October 2. Meeting was very well attended. We had some great conversation sharing our experiences and information about special education in MCPS
- Attended Board of Directors Meeting
- Worked with MCPS Central Office staff on issue with High School principal
- Provided edits for MCCPTA Advocacy Priorities
- Attended BOE meeting
- Ongoing - dissemination of information about community events and trainings to assist special needs families
- Ongoing - work on Kirwan Commission and how special education families may be impacted
- Ongoing - maintenance of Special Education Chair list and Yahoo group
- Ongoing – providing assistance to families needing help navigating the special education process
- Committee members: Julie Reiley (Vice Chair), Katie Smeltz, Crystal Poole, Beth Tello, and Shameen Anthonio-Williams

### **Future Activities**

- Next Chair meeting is Monday, December 4 at 6:30 pm

### **Contacts/Correspondence**

- Kevin Lowndes - discussed the state of MCPS Special Education in general, concerns over the math curriculum, reduction of self-contained Math and English classes at the secondary school level, and concerns with ED program numbers and appropriate levels of support staff.
- Phil Lynch and high school administration – discussed parental concerns over student accommodations
- Pat O'Neil – ED program concerns