**Magruder Cluster – March 2018**

2018-19 Cluster Coordinators: Deirdre Appel and Cynthia Simonson

**MAGRUDER Cluster Coordinators/OSSI Meeting**

Multiple conversations with OSSI Director.

* Requested MCPS provide updates to parent communities regarding transitions to next level (elem to mid and mid to high), particularly with regard to math placement.
* Raised concerns regarding principal visibility in schools. How often does MCPS pull principals out of building and impact that has on schools.
* Questions are being asked about guidelines for recess. Whether kids go outside is the principals decision (often made with others). Some principals are more conservative than others, resulting in kids staying in on sunny (but cold) days.
* Additional concerns being raised about Bridge Projects. How do parents/students learn the next steps when the student doesn’t pass Algebra 1 and/or ELA10 assessments. Lots of questions surrounding how (and when) the requirements of these alternate assessments, that are necessary for graduation, are being raised to parents. We’ve asked OSSI to help identify processes.
* Magruder has some bathrooms with “half walls” so students can peer into the next stall, if desired. Questions about whether those can be retrofitted to be “regular” stalls.
* Requested the Magruder course catalog be updated with current information.

**Upcoming**

* Magruder PTSA sponsored a screening of “Screenagers” on February 19th and had about 100 attendees.
* Magruder hosted two “cluster nights” where students in spiritwear came to a basketball game for free – January 18th (Redland and feeder ES) and on January 25 (Shady Grove and feeder ES).
* Cluster Coordinator meeting with Principals: January 25 and we will follow up on the work in April.