**MCCPTA Committee Work Plan — 2020-21**

**Committee:** Safe Technology

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**Mission**

We advocate for safe use of technology at our schools, and document the impact of screen use on students' physical and mental health and data privacy. We read the latest science and studies and relay trends and concerns to [MCPS](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/) and our [Board of Education](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/).

**Goals**

• Support efforts to reduce screen time during virtual learning

• Advocate for book-based and paper assignments, as well as graded independent learning projects that fit the curriculum

• Work with OCTO to ensure enforcement of vendor requirements pertaining to privacy and deletion of data, and repercussions for non-compliance.

• Conduct independent student data safety audit through OCTO  
• Work with MCPS on alternatives to data-insecure platforms and apps

• Work with OCTO on data deletion form for parents  
• Resume work on MCPS cell phone policy update

• Resume work with OCAO on Responsible Use of Technology for Administrators doc

• Advocate to minimize wifi exposure in class (including cell towers on school grounds)

• Promote safe online and social media best practices

**Action Steps**

• Continue meetings with the Chief Technology Officer/Team

• Continue meetings with the Chief Academic Officer/Team   
• Create flyer/handouts for events such as Mental Health Forum ($200)

• Host virtual viewings this fall of *Screenagers*, *Screened Out* and *Creepy Line* ($800)

• Host webinar with American University [PERIL](https://www.american.edu/centers/university-excellence/peril.cfm)’s Cynthia Miller-Idriss on extremism and hate speech on social media ($400 honorarium)

**Meeting Schedule**

• ZOOM virtual meetings, as needed

**Expenses**

• $200 for Event Flyers/Handouts

• $800 for film licensing/viewing fee

• $400 for special event with AU’s PERIL institute (with LGBTQ & School Climate Comm.)

TOTAL: $1400