**MCCPTA Committee Work Plan**

**Committee:** Engagement (Subcommittee of Membership & Engagement**)**

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**Vision**

*The MCCPTA Engagement Subcommittee seeks to engage and empower students and families to advocate for all children by encouraging and supporting PTA activities that connect families to their children’s education and meet the needs of communities.*

**Goals**

* *Help PTAs plan programs and activities that enhance learning and help students and families thrive.*
* *Share information and best practices on family and community engagement.*
* *Highlight the best examples of effective programs and activities that foster engagement.*
* *Facilitate the exchange of ideas between PTA leaders and members.*
* *Offer grants and incentives to PTAs for engagement activities and projects.*
* *Connect with other community groups to support engagement activities.*
* *Advise other MCPS committees and volunteers on how to infuse family engagement into their work.*
* *Advocate within MCPS and Montgomery County for greater engagement opportunities.*
* *Coordinate the MCPS-MCCPTA Family Engagement Advisory Team*

**Action Steps**

* ***Host PTA Engage! meetings*** *for all PTA leaders and members interested in family and community engagement. Plan breakouts around topics of interest (monthly Aug-Nov, then maybe bi-monthly). Topics:*
	+ *Aug 1, 10am: ES, MS, HS*
	+ *Sept 26, 10am: basic needs, learning, mental health, Latinix outreach, PTA programs*
* ***Share meeting/breakout summaries*** *with all PTA leaders.*
* ***Share engagement training opportunities*** *from National PTA, MCPS and other community and national organizations.*
* ***Write letters and testify to advocate for greater use of MCPS facilities and resources*** *to support families during virtual learning, such as using school buildings as community hubs for COVID testing, and bus distribution of student meals.*
* ***Design, solicit, review and award PTA Engage! grants*** *to local units for engagement projects.*

**Meeting Schedule**

We will meet as needed.

**Expenses**

$2,500 for five $500 grants to local PTAs to support engagement projects.