**2020-21 MCCPTA Committee Work Plan**

**Committee: Cultural Arts**

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**Vision**

The Cultural Arts Committee supports and promotes PTA/PTSA efforts to present high quality performances, workshops, residencies, and in-school field trips to students in MCPS to enrich their educational program and artistic experiences.

**Goals**

Our goals for the 2020-2021 school year are of course different from in years past, due to the ongoing school closures. Normally, the Cultural Arts Committee works closely with the Superintendent’s Committee for Performances in MCPS, to present the annual Cultural Arts Showcases. This year both the auditions for new performers (held by the Superintendent’s Committee) and the Showcases were cancelled. However, we hope to facilitate communication between schools and performers about any “virtual performances” that might be feasible.

**Action Steps**

We continue to urge schools to have a cultural arts representative join the MCCPTA Cultural Arts E-list. To join, go to:

**Cultural-arts+subscribe@mccpta.groups.io**

I plan to assess how much interest there is from schools in having online or “virtual” performances, and am in discussion with Seda Gelenian, Chair of the Superintendent’s Committee for Performances in MCPS, who is contacting the artists listed in the MCPS Cultural Arts Catalogue to see who has the capability for doing that. I will post any information we learn about this to the Cultural Arts E-list, the MCCPTA Board of Directors, and Delegates. In the meantime, schools are encouraged to directly contact any of the performing artists they may be interested in hiring, to discuss their availability for performances this school year; artists and their contact information are listed in the 2019-20 MCPS Performing Arts Catalogue, which is unchanged for the current school year.

The MCPS Performing Arts Catalogue can be viewed online by going to:

<http://www.biglearning.org> Then click on “Cultural Arts Showcases”, where you can view both the catalogue and videos of some of the performers. The password to view the videos is: **culturalarts**

**Meeting Schedule**

None planned at this time

**Expenses**

None