

**RM Cluster Report to MCCPTA Board
May 2018**

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Current RM Cluster Priorities:

- Given the BOEs decision not to build the expansion for Richard Montgomery, our community is working to find interim solutions for the following issues:
 - Inadequate science laboratory space including safety issues and bench space for students to conduct experiments,
 - Find safe and suitable location for portables that does not impinge on parking.
 - Pursue the possibility of roundtable discussions to address the development of Crown Farm HS.

A meeting was held with BOE member Smondrowski on Monday, April 16 to discuss RMHS addition. She agreed to pursue discussions on a science annex with MCPS staff.

- Continue to advocate for the revitalization of Twinbrook Elementary.
- Continue to support the building and opening of Bayard Rustin E.S. for fall 2018.
- Establish a support mechanism for families transitioning to other ESs within the cluster.
- Continue to support JWMS on the public-private partnership with MSI to secure a turf field.

May Cluster Events and Happenings:

- **Quadrennial Cluster Meetings:** The cluster is continuing to plan for the Cluster Meeting with the BOE on May 17. A meeting was held in April with BOE staff to discuss agenda, and expectations. Cluster coordinators are currently finalizing the agenda and soliciting questions from the community. The event registration page is: <https://bit.ly/2K82CY6>.
- **Bayard Rustin ES PTA:** Cluster coordinators have created a steering committee in collaboration with Principal DuBois. A meeting was held on Tuesday May 1. The second committee meeting will be May 9. To date, the committee is working on bylaws, roles of officers, nominations, elections, and membership. A general PTA meeting will be held on May 22 with a focus on school updates, elections, and membership intake.