



Division of Student, Family and School Services

Promotes student achievement and well-being by strategically creating and fostering connections among diverse families, community partners and schools. Following are brief descriptions of some of the programs and services offered.

- ❖ The **MCPS Parent Academy** offers free workshops that provide information for parents on topics such as the college preparation, parent advocacy, communicating with school staff, special education, organizational skills, social and emotional learning, helping children with homework and more. Visit www.mcpsparentacademy.org
- ❖ **Parent community coordinators (PCC)** provide regular family engagement and outreach support to assigned schools and also as requested by schools and parents without an assigned PCC. PCCs offer support in multiple foreign languages including Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, French, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, and Vietnamese.
- ❖ **Individual family support** is provided for special education processes, parent–teacher conferences, hearings, and other issues that affect students and their families. Additionally, staff shares information and community resources, helps parents build their advocacy skills, and also assists schools with targeted outreach efforts, including home visits and phone calls.
- ❖ DSFSS provides **support to schools** in planning and implementing parent involvement programs, such as **Focus Groups, Welcoming Environment Walk-Throughs, parent meetings and workshops**, tailored to the needs of the school community.
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- ❖ **MCPS** resource tables at events held in neighborhood locations provide opportunities for parents to ask questions and access information.
- ❖ DSFSS coordinates the Neediest Kids program for MCPS that provides families in need through PCCs, counselors, Pupil Personal Workers, and other school staff with basic needs such as school supplies, coats, clothing, gift cards for Target, Burlington and Vision Works.
- ❖ DSFSS collaborates with the Department of Health and Human Services with Linkages to Learning, Excel Beyond the Bell, the Wellness Centers, the Kennedy and Watkins Mill Cluster Project and other government agency partnerships that provide services to students and families.
- ❖ DSFSS connects parents/guardians with government agencies and non-profit organizations to help families access services and supports, as Manna, Capital Regional Food Bank, InterFaith Works, EveryMind, Family Services Inc., Wider Circle, Comcast Internet Essentials, Project Reboot, MC Dept. of Recreation, YMCA Youth Services, Catholic Charities, Identity, and many more.

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