

Motion approved by MCCPTA Delegates on January 23, 2007

Motion presented by Diane Dickson, Co-Chair MCCPTA Special Education Committee

A letter to be sent to the Board of Education to reinforce MCCPTA's position reflected in the resolution passed in April, 2005, calling for parent choice from a full continuum of special education services and that we do not favor the revised proposed realignment of special education services which calls for phasing out the learning centers over 6 years, eliminating one GT/LD program and reducing the summer program (ESY) from 5 days/week to 4 days/week.

- Please note April 26, 2005 MCCPTA Resolution Approved by Delegates

Special Education Resolution

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Whereas MCPS has proposed a Least Restrictive Environment Placement Initiative to better address the needs of the special education population; and

Whereas this initiative is an important and necessary step but is not appropriate for responding to the needs of all children within special education; be it therefore

RESOLVED that MCCPTA urges MCPS to broaden the scope of its strategic plan for special education to provide more and various alternatives in the Least Restrictive Environment placement for those students who will not be otherwise able to derive educational benefit from an LRE placement, and be it further

RESOLVED that MCPS shall specifically broaden the continuum of services in the least restrictive environment available to students in special education by exploring and providing a full continuum of services and placement choices with a full range of options within and be it further

RESOLVED that MCCPTA urges MCPS to consider implementation of a choice based model that requires consideration of multiple alternatives so that special education students may exercise more control over their educational options.