

## Resolution on Health Technicians

SEQ CHAPTER \h\r 1 From Richard Edelman, Wootton Cluster Co-Coordinator and Frost MS Delegate

*Whereas* most MCPS Schools have Health Room Aides for between 5 and 6 hours;

*Whereas* MCC PTA believes that 5 or 6 hours of Health Room Aide coverage is insufficient to meet the needs of our children; it is

*Resolved* that MCC PTA supports and will advocate for increased Health Room Aide services so that a Nurse or Health Room Aide will be on duty at every school from ½ hour before the start of the school day to ½ hour after the end of the school day.

### **Additional Background:**

MCPS has Nurses who are Registered Nurses, but they are typically assigned to two or three schools and split time between/among them.

All schools have Health Room Aides who are Certified Nurse Assistants (generally they have over 100 hours of training for certification).

No school has full day Nurse and Health Room Aide coverage.

The Health Room Aide position is funded not from MCPS but from the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. [Advocacy on this issue would have to be direct to the County Council.]

Entry level pay for Health Room Aides is \$15 per hour.

Expansion of Health Room coverage for some schools was discussed as part of the County Council deliberations on the FY '07 Budget, but additional spending was not authorized for this year.