**MCCPTA Vice President for Educational Issues 2020-21 (March 10 Board of Directors report)**

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**Activities (since February 10)**

MCCPTA Board of Directors (February 10)

Richard Montgomery HS PTSA (February 16)

MCCPTA meeting with MCPS OCIP (February 18)

MSDE Board of Education meeting (February 23)

MCPS Board of Education meeting (February 23)

MCCPTA Delegates Assembly (February 23)

MCCPTA State Graduation Town Hall (March 3)

MSDE Board of Education meeting (March 4)

Julius West MS PTSA (March 9)

**Updates:**

**Statewide required testing:**

* Weeks after revealing tentative plans for state assessments near the end of the 20-21 school year, MSDE and the State Board of Education decided last week to postpone required statewide assessments for ELA and math in grades 3-8 and high school until fall 2021, and to use a shorter “diagnostic” assessment at that time.

**ESOL Early College Options:**

* MCPS will hold a virtual event for ESOL students to learn about early college options through MCPS Dual Enrollment. The event will be online and on local TV at 6 p.m. Thursday March 25.

**SAT/ACT/PSAT/AP/IB:**

* MCPS students will not take IB tests in spring 2021. Instead, performance and progress to the IB Diploma will be determined by “internal assessments” (IAs) and predicted scores, a process similar to spring 2020.
* MCPS intends to offer an in-school SAT day for 11th graders (which could be used for merit scholarship competition in lieu of missing the PSAT this year) and an in-school PSAT day for 10th graders. The SAT is scheduled for April 13 (make up day April 27).
* Saturday School test prep will be available for MCPS students enrolled in AP classes.

**Maryland State Graduation requirements:**

* MCCPTA Curriculum Committee Town Hall held March 3.
* Proposed state regulations expected April 9, and comments due May 10.