

### **Recent & Ongoing Activities**

- Special Education Chair Meeting on Monday, December 4. Discussed: the new online IEP, examples of advocacy letters, MCPS Special Education hierarchy, elementary report, cards, safe technology and the Kirwan Commission
- Ongoing - dissemination of information about community events and trainings to assist special needs families
- Ongoing - work on Kirwan Commission and how special education families may be impacted
- Ongoing - maintenance of Special Education Chair list and Yahoo group
- Ongoing - providing assistance to families needing help navigating the special education process
- Committee members: Julie Reiley (Vice Chair), Katie Smeltz, Crystal Poole, Beth Tello, and Shameen Anthonio-Williams

### **Future Activities**

- MCCPTA Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, January 3, 2018
- Next Chair meeting is Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm

### **Contacts/Correspondence**

- Phil Lynch – concerns with proposed Special Education re-organization
- Kevin Lowndes – meeting about proposed elimination of Special Education Cluster Supervisors and Self-contained English and Math classes for Special Education Students
- Board of Education members – proposed changes, as mentioned above
- Ashley Wilson – with the new construction and security measures being implemented at CESC, we will no longer be able to reserve the cafeteria for meetings. Our February meeting will be held in the auditorium instead.