

### Recent & Ongoing Activities

- Provided written testimony regarding proposed FY2019 operating budget
- Calls for nominations - 30th Annual Special Education Recognition ceremony
- Participated on MCPS interview panel
- 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, Thursday, February 1, 2018
- Next Chair meeting is Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm

- **Contacts/Correspondence**

- Phil Lynch and Kevin Lowndes - concerns with proposed Special Education re-organization
- Board of Education and Dr. Smith - proposed elimination of Special Education Cluster Supervisors and moving Instructional Specialists to OSSI
- Dr. Statham - proposed changes, as mentioned above
- Linda Fragoso - reserving Rockville High School for May 14, 2018 Thirtieth Annual Special Education Recognition ceremony

Vice-chair Julie Reiley also notes that the Special Education Committee is following HB1489: Due Process Hearings for Children with Disabilities – Burden of Proof  
<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=hb1489&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2018RS>

- Hearing: Thu, March 1
- In 2012 MCCPTA passed a resolution supporting burden of proof on schools.
- Julie has posted an action alert and sample email on e-lists