**MCCPTA Vice President for Education report to MCCPTA Board of Directors [March 9 meeting]**

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**Activities (since Feb. 10)**

MCCPTA Math Information Night (Feb. 10)

MCCPTA curriculum committee meeting (Feb. 11)

MCCPTA Delegates Assembly (Feb. 22)

MCCPTA Anti-Racist Audit (Feb. 23)

MCPS Assessment Committee (March 7)

MCCPTA Executive Committee (March 7)

MCPS Board of Education (March 8)

JWMS PTSA meeting (March 8)

MCCPTA Executive Committee meeting with Superintendent (March 9)

**Information:**

MCCPTA committees presentation: “Gifted With Learning Difficulties: Twice Exceptional (2e) Students in MCPS” (March 23) at 8 p.m. Register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIqde-qqjsoGdYUSlpGs-sjSs-4SGVXs1hD>

Mitigation (of pandemic learning disruption):

* In the MS MAP-M test, 53.6% of MCPS students were above 50% (nationally? Or state?) but subpopulations all decreased 6-20% from previous.
* For the HS MAP-M test, 58.4% were above 50%, but subpopulations all decreased 6-20% from previous.
* In the MS MAP-R test, 66.7% of MCPS students were above 50%, but subpopulations were all down 1-5% from previous.
* For the HS MAP-R test, 70.7% were above 50%, but subpopulations were all 2-10% lower than previous.
* As of Feb. 11, 5,146 students (mostly ES) received high dosage tutoring or interventions. Participants were 57% FARMS, 36% ELL. Also, 588 students received tutoring from external providers.

Graduation:

* Reminder: Previous HS graduation requirement to pass English, math (algebra), government, and science examinations replaced by new requirement that those exams will count 20% of final grade in those courses.
* Applies to students beginning in 9th grade this year (2021-22); this year’s students only required to take the exam; scores this year will not count for grades.
* MSDE rolling out more information about science and government “end of course” examination.
* Student Transcript will indicate whether student took the test, and might indicate grade on the exam.
* Exams will be offered in a testing window near end of school year, including make-up test date.
* Students who don’t take exam will get zero for 20% of course grade.
* Students cannot retake the exam if they fail the test. Students who fail the course must retake the course and the exam.
* There will be no bridge projects.
* Science exam will focus on life science and take place after biology course.
* Students exempted from exam if they take AP biology or AP US government.

Summer School:

* Last year: Almost 50,000 participants, and $20 million cost.
* This year: MCPS to prioritize students with needs.

Assessments:

* MCCPTA representatives participating in MCPS Assessments Work Group (update since 2019) for state law.