MCCPTA Special Education Committee Update:

January/February 2021:

·       Feb. 1 - Held a committee Town Hall with over 100 participants, politicians, legislative aides, and many stakeholders to ask for possible emergency solutions for special education services for our youth; Rachel spoke and Stephanie monitored and answered questions in the chat.

·      Feb. 3 - Meeting was followed up by Virtual Learning Committee and Special Education committee to identify next steps

·     Stephanie asked clarifying questions to Kevin Lowndes based on special education community feedback and BOE meeting information presented.

·       Board Meeting met Feb. 9 to discuss special learning populations turning back to school in small groups according to their programs

·       Feb. 18 at 8:00 p.m. the Special Education committee will hold committee member meeting to give updated information to all stakeholders

·       Eric Jorgensen Special Education Navigator will be presenting for our third quarter presentations on Feb. 21 at 7:00 p.m.

·       Rachel is attending Xminds BIPOC committee meeting in Feb. 2021

·       Stephanie continues to work with the GCC committee to help identify areas of concerns for GT/LD children

·     Jan. 27 - Pre-meeting for meeting with Kevin Lowndes with Cynthia Simonson and Rodney Peele related to emergency issues related to special education.

·     Jan. 28 - Quarterly meeting with Kevin Lowndes (with Cynthia Simonson in attendance) to discuss emergency issues related to special education including compliance. Cynthia asked about data of students that have gone from diploma track to ALO during the school closure.

·    Jan. 19 Meeting with Molly Wilson of the Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County to understand how their services can help with the IEP process for families and offer them support and mediation.

·     Meeting with Candace Sahm to learn about her new nonprofit serving under-resourced ADHD students in high school. We have contacted a local high school to help find students to receive free ADHD coaching and academic tutoring. We will continue to push out this information to the community.