

## **MCCPTA Special Education Committee Report Feb 2017**

**To: Exec Committee**

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Activities:

\*Held meeting on Monday, Feb 6, 2017, at 6:30 pm. Discussed ways to deal with stress and “51 Ways to Take Care of Yourself”.

\*Continue to work with Audit Accountability team – Feb. meeting postponed until March.

\*Submitted written testimony to the MD General Assembly, House of Delegates, in support of HB1240, with request for AMENDMENT. The proposed legislation falls under Individualized Education Programs - Burden of Proof in Due Process Hearings and Studies. Among other things, this legislation would shift the Burden of Proof in special education due process hearings to the local school districts. MDPTA and MCCPTA support this legislation.

MCCPTA Resolution can be found here:

[http://www.mccpta.com/resolutions/2011-2012/Resolution\\_on\\_Burden\\_of\\_Proof\\_in%20Special\\_Education\\_passed\\_4\\_24\\_2012.pdf](http://www.mccpta.com/resolutions/2011-2012/Resolution_on_Burden_of_Proof_in%20Special_Education_passed_4_24_2012.pdf)

\* Provided MDPTA President with information on how Governor’s proposed voucher proposal would affect special education students.

\*Sent out calls for nominations and invitations to speakers for 29<sup>th</sup> Annual MCCPTA Special Education Committee Recognition ceremony. Ceremony will be held on the evening of Monday, May 8, 2017. Nomination request also published in MCPS Bulletin and MCPS Quicknotes.

\*Continue to help special needs families navigate issues with the school system.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Taylor,  
MCCPTA Special Education Committee Chair