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To: MCCPTA Board of Directors
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Partnership meetings between the MCCPTA Health and Safety Committee and the MCPS Office of Student and Family Support and Engagement take place monthly. For information on these meetings and the work of the Committee and Sub-Committees, please join the Health and Safety listserv by emailing MCCPTA-health-and-safety-new-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Committee Chair
- Met with MoCo Chief Medical Officer and Chief of Behavioral Health over the summer, setting up the stage for advocacy on sexually transmitted infections.
- BOE testimony on health education, including condom distribution, 2018-09-11.
- Liaison with MCPS Health Education team on health curriculum advisory committee.
- Mental Health and Wellness Forum date and location decided: Jan 12, 2019 (Jan 26 snow date). Location: Wood Middle School
- Attended MoCo Mental Health Advisory Committee meeting
- Attended conference on "Envisioning Equity Through Use of Data in Montgomery County"

School Climate and Safety

- Attended the SEAC meeting on child abuse and neglect
- I participated in the interview panel for the MCPS Chief of Safety
- Drafted a primer for parents on preventing and responding to child abuse and neglect and asked Donna Hollingshead, Derek Turner and others for review and feedback
- Discussed the possibility of convening a small working group to improve prevention/response to child abuse and neglect within MCPS -- waiting for a meeting to be scheduled
- Gillian Huebner was recognized as National PTA Advocate of the Month.

Safe Technology
- Quarterly meetings with MCPS CTO
- Work with CTO on removing clickthroughs that incorrectly assign responsibility for data use.
- Working on "opt-outs" for parents who want to reduce screen-based and digital learning
- Began series of meetings over the summer with MCPS Chief Legal Counsel about better informing parents about what electronic learning platforms are used prior to deploying them in the classroom; deleting personal identifying information where appropriate; teacher trainings on FERPA and COPPA.

- White Paper on "Understanding Technology in the Classroom." Available at: http://nebula.wsimg.com/f7c238ade02c6407d25075cbe87f372f?AccessKeyId=AB71C8A62DC88BF7171E&disposition=0&alloworigin=1

School Nutrition
No report