



Down County Consortium Area Vice President Report

February 2021

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**We are recruiting for cluster coordinators from each cluster.
No experience required. Apply today!**

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Activities of Note

- Provided virtual and written testimony to the Montgomery County Council on the FY22 CIP Budget on 2/9/2021. Testimony highlighted the needs of the DCC schools based on the testimony Cluster Coordinators provided to the Board of Education on the same budget.

Next DCC Area Meeting: March 13, 2021

The DCC Cluster Coordinators and PT(S)A Presidents will meet on March 13, 2021
Tentative Agenda:

- Cluster Coordinators needed
 - Einstein (2), Kennedy (2), Northwood (1), Wheaton (1)



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- Several clusters have “acting” CCs because they have exceeded their 4-year term limits. Virtual meeting and election constraints made replacing these CCs challenging. Now that we are able to elect replacements in virtual meetings, we are actively seeking new CCs.
- Cluster Coordinator Duties and Expectations
- Maryland PTA Updates
 - Guidance on electronic meetings and voting
- Operating Budget Testimony & Workshop
 - [Budget Video](https://youtu.be/15OQRYOyhWk) is: <https://youtu.be/15OQRYOyhWk>
 - [Detailed budget document was posted on the web on December 22, 2020](#)
 - [One Page Summary of FY22 MCPS Operating Budget](#)
 - **Save the Dates**
 - County Council testimony dates TBD
- VP of Advocacy, Laura Stewart
 - Woodward HS Update
 - Safe Buildings Update
- Monthly Engage Sessions
- What makes your PT(S)A special?
 - Community Resource Hubs
 - Membership incentive ideas & resources
 - Engagement Ideas – Parents, Staff & Students
 - Staff motivation ideas
 - Fundraising ideas

The discussion of what DCC schools are doing to help families in this environment was robust and inspiring. Many emphasized the opportunity, and need, to replicate the local school efforts countywide in coordination with MCPS.

School PT(S)A leaders are writing summaries of what they are doing, how they are doing it, what partnerships they have established and where there are opportunities for other partnerships and coordination with MCPS. We will hold a special meeting just to discuss these efforts. We plan to create a document to share with other areas, clusters, and schools. We also discussed putting together a video of all the great things our PT(S)As are doing in hopes that promoting our efforts inspires other ideas, more participation and, hopefully, more membership so that we can help even more MCPS families.

- MCPS (virtual learning/hybrid learning)
 - First students return March 1, next groups on March 15, and March 29
- Next Meetings & Events
- Upcoming PT(S)A meetings