

MCCPTA Committee Update – May 2007

Capital Improvement Program Committee

The CIP Committee wrote talking points for cluster coordinators prior to County Council CIP testimony on May 1 and wrote Jane's testimony on behalf of MCCPTA. A dinner with the County Council members preceded the testimony and the good food and casual chatting put the Council members in a receptive mood to listen to our cluster coordinators lobby on behalf of their schools. Council members were made aware not only of the need to approve the amendments to the FY 08 Capital Budget and Amended FY 2007-2012 CIP but heard compelling testimony about our needs for modernization, additional space, and spaces for our changing programs; the necessity to find additional funding; and the long list of schools that need repairs and replacements now. We are on record asking for all of the \$52 million State funding to be used for capital projects.

The CIP committee will host a cluster comment writing session in conjunction with MCPS Facilities Department staff on May 16 in time to help new and current cluster coordinators, PTA presidents, and facilities chairs understand the CIP process and prepare for cluster comments on the CIP which are due June 1. Coordinators who are unable to attend may find our Cluster Coordinators Guide to the CIP helpful or contact us.

Over the next few weeks, we'll be watching the AGP discussions and a MCPS Policy Committee review of Policy FAA and Regulation FAA-RA.

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