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Highlights of CIP Testimony on November 15, 2006 (Complete Testimony is posted on website):
MCCPTA supports the Superintendent's Recommended FY08 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2007-2012 Capital Improvements Program.
MCCPTA agrees with the Superintendent that portables must not be a long-term solution.
MCCPTA believes that every child should attend school in a safe, secure, modern facility- secure classrooms, adequate program space, appropriate technology, good air quality, water, and bathrooms.
We believe it is critical in this amendment year to focus on long-range planning.
We will continue to ask for additional focus and funds for maintenance projects, maintenance staff to repair and replace systems, and for preventative maintenance projects in both capital and operating budgets.
We need a set of criteria for schools that do not have FACT scores in order to put these schools on a preliminary ranking list,
MCPS needs to evaluate the FACT score process and formula and consider options.
MCPS should develop a clear set of criteria for school additions- these might include: capacity, enrollment, construction projects on site, modernization date, special programs, number and age of portables.
We have a number of questions relating to long-range planning and propose that a task force be developed to ask, study and answer these questions.
MCCPTA would like to begin the discussion on Policy FAA (as promised by the Board in 2005) and requests that there be language added back into the policy to define the role of parents, the PTA's and the community, and that the preferred ranges of enrollment, capacity calculations and site and school size be spelled out in the policy so that there is opportunity for notification and public comment.

Testimony by cluster coordinators focused on individual school needs.

The Board will take final action on November 20th.