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MCCPTA Cultural Arts Committee Report

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During December I was asked by Seda Gelenian, Producer and Coordinator of the annual Cultural Arts Showcases for MCPS, if I would please contact the members of our PTArts listserv to ask them an important question. We were offered the opportunity to hold one or more of our annual Showcase performance days next fall at the Black Rock Center for the Arts in Germantown, rather than holding them all at the Carver Educational Center in Rockville as we usually do. The advantage would be to have the performances done in a real theater; the disadvantage of course is that it would be a much longer drive to get there for anyone coming from "down county." I got numerous responses, unanimous in agreement that we should continue to hold all performances at Carver, not at Black Rock. Very few people attending the Showcases come from the Germantown area; most come from areas south of or near to the Carver Educational Center.

A second question that was asked of the listserv members pertained to whether or not they would like to have a half hour lunch break added into the daily schedule for the Showcases, something that has not previously been done. Responses were equally divided on this, so Seda Gelenian is still considering the idea and will make an announcement about it prior to the Showcases next fall. I have continued to receive updated information from the MCPS Cultural Arts chairpersons about their budgets for this school year and will put out the results of the survey soon on the PTArts listserv. Anyone who would like to, may join the listserv by sending their name, school, and committee position to: PTArts-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.