The Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations

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MCCPTA Hosts Model United Nations Event for High School Students

The Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Associations (MCCPTA) will be hosting a Model United Nations event on Friday, November 11, at the Carver Educational Services Center in Rockville, Maryland. Delegates representing over 75 countries will be attending from five Montgomery County High Schools. Student delegates will be debating global problems including the projected crisis in food prices due to the growth in energy bio-fuels, UN assistance to elections in Egypt and Libya, and the Syrian political crisis. The event starts with a check-in at 2:30pm and an opening convocation at 3pm. Delegates will then meet in committees for 2 hours before assembling in the auditorium for a "General Assembly" session to debate committee resolutions. A group photo will be taken at approximately 6:20pm, after which MCCPTA will host the students to an informal reception and dinner. This is the first of several new initiatives by MCCPTA to broaden its support to students and families in Montgomery County.

Location: Carver Educational Services Center: 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850

Note for the Press: Students are being encouraged to wear traditional clothing of the country that they are representing, and the event should be photogenic. A "Model United Nations" event is based on the operation and principles of the real UN, and affords students an opportunity to study and discuss global problems while adding their unique views as young people that will see much more of the future in their own lifetime.

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