

December 2008

**MCCPTA Legislative Committee Report
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November has been a Strong but busy month for the Legislative group.

On Monday November 10th, we had our annual legislative dinner. Thanks to the efforts of Merry Eisner and our Legislative committee, more than 50 members of the BOD and 17 members of our Annapolis delegation were in attendance. It was a great night and a wonderful chance for us to advocate for our county.

In addition to this, 16 people from 14 clusters as well as our president, Kay Romero, were in attendance when the Board of Ed presented to the County Council's Education Subcommittee as well as several members of our Annapolis delegation.

As we get closer to the legislative session in Annapolis, which begins on January 14th, 2009 there is a sense that our priorities are being heard, and our lobbying efforts will continue. (as they're especially important in this harsh economic climate.)

In the next week or so I will be working to put together a date for a December meeting of the (MCCPTA) Legislative Committee. Once I have all of that information, we will post it on the bulletin, and anyone interested in joining us in our efforts, should feel free to contact me.

I want to go ahead and thank everyone for all of the time and effort that they have contributed to things so far. What we do is a long road, but we are making a difference and I am looking forward to a great year!