

**Resolution on MCPS
Procedures for the Site Selection Process
Adopted October 25, 2011**

WHEREAS, from time to time, it is necessary for MCPS to consider the selection of sites to locate county schools, special education centers and holding centers;

WHEREAS, Board of Education Policy FAA-RA describes the procedures to be followed for such site selection;

WHEREAS, Policy FAA-RA provides, among other things, that MCPS will convene a Site Selection Advisory Committee composed of MCPS staff, PTA representatives and appropriate municipal and county government officials;

WHEREAS, issues recently have arisen regarding the composition and charge of Site Selection Advisory Committees;

THEREFORE, the MCCPTA RESOLVES:

THAT MCCPTA supports a fair and representative process for the creation and operation of Site Selection Advisory Committees;

THAT MCCPTA supports the inclusion on Site Selection Advisory Committees of representatives from all affected communities, including those not affiliated with PTA;

THAT MCCPTA recommends Policy FAA-RA be revised to clarify the role of PTA representatives on a Site Selection Advisory Committee so as to make clear that PTA can represent the interests of the school community but are not expected to recruit, inform or represent interests that are not affiliated with PTA; and

THAT MCCPTA supports the earliest possible disclosure of sites under consideration, giving due consideration to legitimate needs for confidentiality, such as the potential consideration of property not already owned or reserved for school use.