

Dear All,

The resolution below was approved at the February 23, 2010 Delegates Assembly.

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MCCPTA President

***Resolution to Propose Changes to the definition of “Serious Incidents”  
in Regulation COB-RA***

*WHEREAS on November 13, 2007, the Board of Education adopted Resolution #548-07 to support the district’s goal of improving school safety and security. This resolution provided for useful data on “serious incidents,” suspensions, and other pertinent school data.*

*WHEREAS MCPS Regulation COB-RA defines “serious incidents” for purposes of reporting to an appropriate MCPS office. A compilation of “serious incidents” is the data that is provided for each school in the School Safety and Security at a Glance publication.*

*WHEREAS the Safe Schools Reporting Act of 2005 requires MCPS to report to the Maryland State Department of Education incidents of harassment and bullying as defined by a new state mandated policy.*

*WHEREAS most incidents of harassment and bullying are not shown in the School Safety and Security at a Glance report unless an incident qualifies as a “serious incident” under Regulation COB-RA. This does not reflect an accurate picture of bullying and harassment incidents in a school, nor does it indicate the bullying and harassment incidents that are reported to the Maryland State Department of Education.*

*BE IT RESOLVED that MCCPTA requests that MCPS expand its definition of “serious incident” under COB-RA and modify the School Safety and Security at a Glance Report to include all incidents of bullying and harassment as defined by Policy JHF.*

*BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that MCCPTA requests that data on the following statement be added to the School Safety and Security at a Glance Report: “In this school, students bullying other students is a problem.” This statement is currently reflected in the Student Survey of the School Environment but is not shown with the other two safety related questions in the School Safety and Security at a Glance” Report.*