



**January 27, 2009**

**To: Montgomery County Council of PTAs Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators and local PTA parents and representatives**

**Thank you to all our PTA advocates who came to testify on behalf of school communities at the MCPS Board of Education Budget Hearings on January 14 and January 21. It takes a lot of time and commitment to prepare for testimony. It does not go unnoticed. You are appreciated for your advocacy on behalf of the children in the Montgomery County Public Schools each and every day, and especially when public testimony is needed.**

**MCCPTA strives:**

- to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental agencies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;**
- to assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect children;**
- and to encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of the nation.**

**The various school cluster testimonies are located on the MCCPTA website at:  
<http://www.mccpta.com/pressReleases.html>**

**Thank you all for your time given on behalf of children.**

**Sincerely,**

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