

Take Aways & Action items

- Homewood / ARL Assistance discussion tabled until April's PTACHC meeting.
 - Motion to increase PTACHC dues failed to pass
 - Motion to add line item to PTACHC budget for Homewood & ARL also failed to pass
 - Most local PTAs seem to want to help. How that is done needs further discussion. Executive Board will take the lead.
- School Bus Transportation in HOCO – David Ramsay
 - 453 Buses transporting approx. 4200 students
 - All bus services are outsourced with private bus contractors
 - Safest transport to/from school
 - Annual average student fatalities during normal school travel hours
58% when teen driver – 23% when adult driver – 1% when in school bus
 - Employment Available – Bus drivers are needed

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- Superintendent's Report - John White
 - 2017-2018 Calendar has been approved
 - 2018-2019 BOE approved Start & Dismissal times
 - No start before 8 a.m. or later than 9:25 a.m. for ALL schools
 - 2017-2018 budget has been submitted to County Executive
 - Proposed cutting funds for school web pages
 - Proposed cutting funds for live streaming events
- BOE Liaison's Report – Cynthia Vaillancourt
 - HoCo several millions over-budget (\$20-\$60 million depending on who one talks to)
 - Budget cuts are coming
 - Stay vigilant, be vocal
 - Redistricting will happen for 2018-2019 academic year
 - planning process will begin in May 2017
- BOE Lawsuit – Dismissal is pending

Action items

- Forward suggestions to PTACHC on how Local PTAs can assist Homewood & ARL
- Encourage PTA members to stay on top of Howard County Public School System news and information
 - <http://www.hcpss.org/>