

Take Aways

PTACHC General Membership meeting

October 2, 2017

1. Superintendent's report - Mr. James Lemon, Executive Director of Community, Parent and School Outreach.
 - October is Bullying Prevention Month
 - Redistricting Meeting will be on 10/3/2017
Superintendent Presents Proposed Recommendations on 10/3/2017 to Address School Overcrowding:
<https://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2017/10/interim-superintendent-presents-proposed-recommendations-to-address-school-overcrowding/>
 - HCPSS Celebrates Community Partners
Annual Howard County Public School System Educational Partnerships Celebration at the Sheraton Columbia.
<https://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2017/10/hcpss-celebrates-community-partners/>
 - Manor Woods Elementary School Named 2016–2017 Maryland Blue Ribbon School
For more information: <https://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2016/12/manor-woods-es-named-md-blue-ribbon-school/>
 - The Howard County Public School System accepted public suggestions of names for Elementary School #42, scheduled to open for the 2018-2019 school year. Suggestions were accepted September 20 - October 11, 2017.
For more information: <https://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2017/09/help-us-name-elementary-school-42-survey-open-until-october-11/>
2. New SECAC Chair (Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee) – Lori Scott
 - SECAC wants to engage more families and students to come to their meetings.
 - SECAC is required by COMAR (Maryland law) to provide education and support for staff.
Please see here if you would like more information: <https://www.hcpss.org/special-education/>
3. Howard County Office of Children and Families - Lisa Rhodes, Family Engagement Specialist, and Valerie Harvey:
 - Training sessions and parent workshops offered
Please go here if you would like more information and to sign up for their newsletter:
<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Community-Resources-and-Services/Office-of-Children-and-Families>
4. Howard County Board of Education Report , Ms. Mavis Ellis :
 - Redistricting timeline.
For more information: <http://www.hcpss.org/school-planning/redistricting-process/>
 - Attendance Area Committee
HCPSS Attendance Area Committee (AAC) had a special meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2017. Superintendent, at the capital budget presentation on September 11th, asked the AAC to reconvene to consider a possible northeastern high school.
Please see here for more information: <https://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2017/09/attendance-area-committee-to-hold-special-meeting-on-september-20/>
 - There will be two public hearings scheduled Oct. 26, 2017 and Nov. 9, 2017
Please see here for more information: <http://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2017/10/board-of-education-to-hold-first-public-hearing-on-attendance-area-adjustment-october-26/>
 - To send official testimony emails, send to the Board of Education website at <http://www.hcpss.org/board/>
5. Community Advisory Council – Towanda Brown
 - Policy 2060 explains CAC.
 - All PTA's can have a liaison at the CAC and meetings are open to everyone.
To learn more, visit <http://www.hcpss.org/board/cac/>
6. Howard County Education Association (HCEA) - Colleen Morris
To learn about this organization, visit <http://hceanea.org/>
7. PTACHC Legislative Liaison – Donna Sudbrook
 - A flyer with a survey question about how to prioritize spending was given to attendees
 - Statewide legislation about all day Kindergarten (universal or targeted)
 - Statewide legislation pertaining to Charter Schools
 - State support for new school construction and maintenance issues
8. Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) - Vicky Cutroneo , PTACHC President
 - Attendance increased at the last APFO meeting
 - Let your legislators know your position.
Please see here for more information: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/About-HoCo/County-Executive/Adequate-public-facilities-ordinance-task-force>

Action Items

- Attendance Area Adjustments Public hearings scheduled on October 26, 2017 and November 9, 2017
The Howard County Board of Education will hold the first of three planned Public Hearings on Attendance Area Adjustment at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2017. The session will take place in the auditorium at River Hill High School, 12101 Clarksville Pike in Clarksville.

Individuals who wish to testify at the public hearings are asked to limit their presentation to three minutes and to provide 15 written copies of their testimony at the time of the hearings. Pre-registration will take place during business hours within the three weeks prior to the hearings, up to the close of business on the last working day before the hearing.

To sign up to testify at the public hearing, contact the Board's office at 410-313-7194, or pre-register online.

- Community Advisory Council meeting on November 1, 2017.
For more information visit <http://www.hcpss.org/board/cac/>
- Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO)
Become informed and get involved
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