

# PTA COUNCIL HOWARD COUNTY

Monday, January 7, 2018

5<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting 2018-2019 Session – Homewood School

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## PRE-MEETING

7:00 PM Meeting of Legislative committee. Assignments, Communications

## GENERAL MEETING

7:30 PM Call to order; Establish Quorum; Pledge of Allegiance; Announcements – Brent Loveless  
[President@PTACHC.ORG](mailto:President@PTACHC.ORG)

7:35 PM Treasurers report – Meg Ricks [Treasurer@PTACHC.ORG](mailto:Treasurer@PTACHC.ORG)  
Review minutes and approval – Brett Sovereign [Secretary@PTACHC.ORG](mailto:Secretary@PTACHC.ORG)

7:40 PM Superintendent Report, BOE Report, SECAC report, HCEA report, CAC Report

7:45 PM State legislative update and feedback –Terri L. Hill, Clarence Lam, Warren Miller, Courtney Watson, Eric Ebersole

8:30 PM Delegate vote on PTACHC position – Prepare for Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday work session representation on School surcharges, APFO, State school funding, and Redistricting.

8:50 PM OBRC update – Notification of Special Meeting January 23, 2019 for Delegate input on budget positions

## PTACHC SPECIAL EVENTS

10AM Saturday, Jan 12, 2019 – Special state legislative work session on School surcharges, APFO, State school funding and Redistricting. Session open to public for listening only participation. PTACHC board encourages maximum individual PTA representation attendance from each school at this event.

7:30 PM Wednesday January 23, 2019 – Location TBD Special budget meeting. OBRC representative will present information on this year's educational budget items and review PTACHC positions for public hearings.

**Next General Meeting Monday February 4, 2019 7:30PM**

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**DRAFT (December 16) -- Not currently adopted by PTACHC Executive Board, or General Assembly**

*The PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) generally supports the increase of the School Facilities Surcharge for new construction in Howard County as proposed in Ho. Co. 03–19 (see draft bill at*

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*with the following caveats:*

- The proposed bill increases the Surcharge from \$1.00 per square foot to \$4.00 per square foot. While PTACHC considers this a step in the right direction, it is concerning that there has been no market-based analysis. PTACHC believes that the 5-year review of the rate and impact should include such an analysis, to compare to neighboring counties that have an impact fee, and to assess how the rate corresponds to new and expanded school construction needs in the County.*
- The proposed bill has a requirement that Surcharge revenue can only be used for improvements/repairs or new schools that serve the construction area. PTACHC believes that this is excessively restrictive, would not adequately serve county residents, and would be difficult to maintain in the face of redistricting. Because of these reasons, PTACHC believes this locality requirement should be removed.*