PTA Council of Howard County Volunteer Opportunities

PTA Council Standing Committees
Standing committee members are appointed by the Executive Board for the entire fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) and are part of the Board of Directors.

**Legislative**: The purpose of the Legislative Committee is to interact with and advocate before elected legislative bodies at the county, state, and federal level on issues related to the mission of PTA and the priorities of the PTA Council of Howard County. The Legislative Chair is responsible for the management of legislative issues throughout the year in accordance with National PTA and MDPTA PTA positions and guidelines.

**Membership**: Membership in PTA Council consists of the Board of Directors, two (2) delegates from each PTA/PTSA and the PTA/PTSA President. The Membership Chair are to keep a roster of members; build an informed, active membership that supports the mission, purpose, policies and programs of the PTA; and to develop a recruitment plan that emphasizes a year-round effort to involve new members.

**Policy**: The Policy Chair is responsible for the management of PTACHC representatives for the HCPSS policies. This includes identifying resources along with the PTACHC President, explaining the policy development process and the PTACHC representatives role and maintaining a dialogue with all policy representatives concerning the purpose of each policy, and any questions, concerns, deliberations and issues for presentation to the PTACHC membership to determine the official position PTACHC should take about the proposed policy changes.

PTA Council Special Committees
Special committees are formed for a specific task and are disbanded once its work is accomplished. The special committee chairs are not voting members of the board of directors but are welcome to attend board meetings.

**After Prom**: The PTSA Project Safe After Prom events provide a safe alternative to the private after prom parties where peer pressure often encourages underage drinking, drugs, and unhealthy and dangerous teen behaviors. The After Prom Committee Chair serves as a spokesperson on behalf of the 12 high school PTSA's After Prom events in working with other organizations and businesses (e.g. HCPSS, Howard County Health Department, Howard County Police, HC DrugFree, PTA Insurance company, and other local businesses and organizations).

**Reflections**: This is a nationwide PTA program that engages students in the arts. Students from each school submit artwork in six different categories to compete at the local, county, state and national levels. The Reflections Chair for PTA Council coordinates the program at the local level; collects and judges entries at the county level; submits winners to the state and national levels.

**Nominations**: The Nominating Committee is elected by the general membership in April each year and serves until the election is over in June. The committee reviews candidates for the PTA Council Executive Board and recommends one name for each office prior to the election.

**OBRC** (Operating Budget Review Committee): The PTACHC OBRC Chair is a member of the County Council’s School System Budget Review Committee. The Committee will assist the County Council in understanding the current and any proposed operating and capital budgets of the Howard County Public School System.

**Scholarship**: PTA Council offers four (4) types of scholarships to Howard County senior students. The Scholarship Chair is responsible for recruiting donations from PTA/PTSAs; notifying school guidance offices and students of the scholarship program; reviewing all applicants; choosing, notifying, and awarding winners.