

July 21, 2021

Dear PTACHC Delegates:

While it's summer break for students and staff legislative activity relating to education is actually in peak season for state delegates and other officials as they set their agendas for the year. The PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) understands many local units use summer as a break from fundraising and PTA sponsored events, but we must remain vigilant in our advocacy for education. Please take the time to review the <u>Board of Education video</u> showing HCPSS legislative considerations. Also please read the <u>HCPSS legislative initiatives document</u> to get an idea of what is being proposed to the Howard County delegation by the school system and what PTACHC may consider supporting.

Delegates, please take the time to review this information and find the most effective way to communicate to your local membership. Take advantage of this opportunity to identify members that may want to join our council legislative team so we can make the best use of our time and expand our advocacy capability to cover more issues.

Also, keep in mind that PTACHC legislative initiatives are unique and approved by our membership individually, but many PTACHC legislative efforts do overlap or coincide with the HCPSS. At the moment, HCPSS is reviewing how to continue in its work established in previous years, and is actively considering what needs to be addressed going forward. The PTACHC is doing the same in its role as an advocacy organization.

If you would like to join the PTA Council Legislative team, please contact Brent Loveless at legislative@ptachc.org.