

# PTA Council of Baltimore County

## Accomplishments for 2007/2008



Baltimore County - 44,000 members in 160 local PTAs

(represents a 2000-member increase since 2006/2007)

### Special Advocacy Activities and Events

- **PTA Partnering for Prevention** sponsored by BC Dept of Health Cigarette Restitution Fund: creation and distribution of educational banners and materials promoting Maryland's Quiltline for Baltimore County schools and parents
- **Classroom Auditory Learning Issues** (sound enhancement technology in the classroom): continued advocacy, including publication of article in National PTA magazine *Our Children*
- **Add-on Endorsement for Gifted and Talented Education to the "Highly Qualified" Teacher Standards:** position statement sponsored by PTA Council and adopted by Maryland PTA

### Leadership Training

- 2007/2008 back-to-school packet sent to PTA/PTSA presidents
- Fall reception, general meeting and workshops (10/25/07): Theme, *Education: A TEAM Effort, Together Everyone Achieves More*, more than 80 exhibitors; 18 workshops presented
- General meeting (1/31/08): Risk management and PTA insurance; "info-sessions" on issues-related topics
- General meeting (3/13/08): "An evening with the superintendent"
- General meeting (4/24/08): 2008-2010 PTA Council elections and installation of officers; recognition awards program (see below)
- Leadership training for local PTA leaders (6/12/08): general session; National PTA leadership training; workshops on leadership roles

### National PTA Reflections Program – I can make a difference by...

- 34 PTAs submitted 365 creative entries in dance composition, film/video production, literature, music, photography and visual arts
- Reflections awards ceremony (3/9/08): 60 awards of excellence and 24 awards of merit; all awards of excellence forwarded to Maryland PTA; 8 Maryland PTA awards, including 2 outstanding interpretation of theme awards passed on to National PTA

### PTA Council Recognition Awards Program

- Recognition awards ceremony (4/24/08): 23 schools represented; 46 awards conferred, including Ryan Award, Maryland PTA life member, outstanding Board of Education member of the year, unit of excellence, distinguished service, special recognition, outstanding educators of the year, and "top 12" best practices programs – volunteer, safety awareness, membership theme, legislative action, family involvement, multicultural, student recognition, reading, substance abuse prevention, male involvement, PTA/PTSA newsletter, PTA/PTSA website

### Ongoing Advocacy Activities

- BCPS Board of Education meetings: statements provided at each meeting; occasional statements on individual Board of Education policies
- BCPS operating and capital budgets: communication with local PTAs; statements provided at meetings and hearings of BCPS Board of Education, Baltimore County Executive, Baltimore County Council
- Organization of new PTA at Vincent Farm Elementary School
- Maryland PTA: summer leadership conference, fall convention, legislative night in Annapolis
- Individual school consultations: PTA mission and purpose, definition of PTA in good standing, best practices, BCPS facilities use form, BCPS volunteer program, insurance, school fund raisers, PTA/school relations, financial questions, nomination/election process, adequate communications with parents
- Monitoring of legislation that would affect Baltimore County students (including HB 954 – Baltimore County Board of Education appointment process that was eventually withdrawn)
- PTA Council committees: bylaws and procedures, cultural arts, curriculum, family/school partnerships, gifted and talented, health and safety, legislation/issues, membership, minority education, school budget, special education
- PTA representation on various committees and councils, such as BCPS Scholarship Loan Program Committee, Blueprint for Progress and Master Plan Oversight Committee, Board of Education Policy 1270 (parent/guardian and family involvement) Annual Review Committee, Curriculum Management Committee, Elementary Report Card Revision Project; Baltimore County Workforce Development Council
- Presence at various BCPS and Baltimore County activities and events
- Media contacts: print, radio

### Ongoing Publications

- PTA Council Directory – four copies distributed to local PTA presidents
- PTA Council Bulletin – published monthly from September-June; distributed to PTA president, treasurer, secretary and principal in each BCPS school and others; electronic distribution via E-NEWS
- New!! PTA/PTSA President's Checklist
- PTA Council E-NEWS – Electronic mailing of monthly bulletins and periodic e-blasts that contain important, time-sensitive information

### Other

- Transition to new PTA insurance program as negotiated by Maryland PTA
- Maryland PTA Council of Excellence Award received (at highest level) (11/07)