

2007-2008 Plan of Work

Family-School Partnerships Committee

<p><u>Goals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Family-School Partnerships Committee will support the goals of PTA Council and the concept of <i>everychild.onevoice</i>. • The Family-School Partnerships Committee will serve the local PTAs and all parents of Baltimore County by sharing parent involvement best practices, programs and child welfare initiatives and act as a referral resource for parent engagement within the Baltimore County Public School System. • The Family-School Partnerships Committee will function within the parameters of the <i>newly revised</i> National PTA, National Standards for Family-School Partnerships: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Welcoming All Families, 2) Communicating Effectively, 3) Supporting Student Success, 4) Speaking Up for Every Child, 5) Sharing Power, and 6) Collaborating with Community. <p><u>Objectives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To attain the goals of the Family-School Partnerships Committee the following activities are proposed: • Present the National PTA Building Successful Partnerships (BSP) parent engagement program as requested by local PTAs and community groups. • Present parent engagement workshops at Fall Reception and Workshops. • Write parent involvement articles for local PTA newsletters and PTA Council Bulletin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish working relationships with BCPS staff, community and government child welfare entities to share information with local PTAs concerning support for all children. • Collect parent engagement materials for all education levels (elementary, middle, and high schools) to support local PTA academic achievement efforts and programs, to be displayed at the general meetings. • Serve as a parent engagement resource on committees, councils and advisory boards at local, state and national levels to better inform local PTAs of current best practices and resources. • Support parent engagement as documented in the BCPS Blue Print for Progress, BCPS Five Year Master Plan, local School Improvement Plans, the NCLB Act, Title 1, Section 1118 and the BCPS Board of Education Policy and Rule 1270. • Provide information to local PTAs, parents, caregivers, teachers, and administrators concerning parent engagement to support academic achievement for the nearly 1,000 BCPS students in foster care. This effort is in support of the National PTA Standards, <u>Speaking Up for Every Child</u> and <u>Supporting Student Success</u>. The presentation of this specialized parent engagement information will be the result of partnering with the Special Education, G&T, Legislation, Minority Education and other PTA Council committees as well as MSDE. • Support the recommendations of the Maryland Parent Advisory Council, M-PAC.
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