

# MCCPTA UPDATES

## Wayside Community News and Advocacy Update

Here are the latest updates and opportunities from MCCPTA that may be of interest to the Wayside community.

### 1 MCPS Facility Advisory Committee - Seeking Community Members

MCPS is seeking community members to serve on the **Facility Advisory Committee for the 2026-2027 school year**. Members will help inform long-term planning for school facilities, including topics outside the six-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) that may require attention in the **10-15 year time frame or beyond**.

**Deadline to apply: Friday, Sept. 4, 2026**

**Apply:** [Facility Advisory Committee application](#)

**MCPS CIP information:** [Capital Improvements Program](#)

### 2 Volunteers Needed for MCCPTA Committee on Regional Programs

MCCPTA is seeking **cluster coordinators, PTSA board members, and community members** to join the Committee on Regional Programs. The committee meets **twice per month**: once with MCPS staff to discuss implementation plans and once internally to debrief and develop materials for local PTAs and other MCCPTA committees.

**Committee goals:** two-way communication with MCPS; sharing information with local PTAs; gathering feedback from schools; and advocating for **accountability and data transparency** so regional programs can be compared in enrichment opportunities, course offerings, curriculum, and instructional quality.

**Interested in volunteering?** Contact Rebekah Kuschmider at [ateinstein2@mccpta.org](mailto:ateinstein2@mccpta.org).

### 3 Tech Committee: Questions to Ask at Back to School Night

The MCCPTA Technology Committee shared suggested questions families may want to ask at Back-to-School Night about **Chromebook use, screen time, and artificial intelligence**.

#### On Chromebooks & Screen Use

- How often and for what purposes are Chromebooks used?
- Are students actively monitored to stay on task?
- Has the impact of screen use been discussed, including the Board of Education resolution passed in July?
- Has the school issued guidance on limiting screen use?
- How are MCPS Digital Best Practices (2024) implemented?
- How can parents see device-use information?
- Can parents request no Chromebook use by default when not required by curriculum, or request non-device homework?

#### On AI

- How does the school ensure students only access approved AI products on school devices?
- How is the school addressing concerns raised by the Common Sense Media report about Google Search AI features and risks to children?
- What guidance have teachers received about AI use by staff and students?