

PTA Council of Baltimore County Accomplishments for 2006/2007

Baltimore County - 42,000 members in 159 local PTAs

Special Advocacy Activities and Events

- **Parent health and safety resource binders** prepared for and distributed to all BCPS elementary schools
- **PTA Partnering for Prevention: An Evening About Tobacco Education** sponsored by BC Dept of Hlth (5/9/07)
- **Classroom Auditory Learning Issues** (sound enhancement) resolution adopted by National PTA (6/29/07)

Leadership Training

- 2006/2007 back-to-school packet sent to PTA/PTSA presidents
- Fall reception and workshops (10/26/06): Theme, *Education: A TEAM Effort, Together Everyone Achieves More* and slogan, *We've Saved a Seat for You*, more than 60 exhibitors; adoption of sound enhancement in the classroom resolution; special presentation on drug and alcohol awareness; 16 workshops presented
- General meeting (1/18/07): BCPS Board of Education governance role with BOE president and superintendent
- General meeting (3/22/07): gang awareness
- General meeting (4/26/07): advocacy and the BCPS capital budget
- Leadership training for local PTA leaders (6/14/07): general session, leadership roles, area meetings

National PTA Reflections Program - My Favorite Place...

- 36 PTAs submitted 381 creative entries in dance choreography, film/videography, literature, musical composition, photography and visual arts
- Reflections awards ceremony (3/25/07): 77 awards of excellence and 54 awards of merit; 17 awards of excellence forwarded to MD PTA

PTA Council Awards Program

- Awards ceremony (5/11/07): awards included National PTA life achievement, MD PTA life member, outstanding Board of Education member of the year, unit of excellence, distinguished service, special recognition, certificate of appreciation, outstanding educators of the year, and best programs - volunteer, safety awareness, membership theme, legislative, family involvement, PTA/PTSA newsletter, multicultural, student recognition, PTA/PTSA website

Ongoing Advocacy Activities

- BCPS Board of Education meetings (testimony provided)
- BCPS pre-operating and pre-capital budgets hearings (testimony provided)
- Formation of new PTSA at Windsor Mill Middle School
- Maryland PTA: summer leadership conference, fall convention, legislative night in Annapolis
- National PTA: annual convention, resolution on sound enhancement in the classroom adopted (see above)
- Individual school consultations: PTA mission/purposes/goals, PTAs in good standing, best practices, BCPS facilities use form, BCPS volunteer policy requirements, insurance, school fund raisers, PTA/school relations, financial questions, nominations/elections, adequate communications with parents
- PTA Council committees: bylaws and procedures, cultural arts, elementary and secondary curriculum, gifted and talented, health and safety, legislation/issues, membership, minority education, parent/family involvement, school budget-capital, school budget-operating, special education
- Stakeholder 'Meet & Greet' meetings: BCPS superintendent, Board of Education president and VP, chief academic officer, area assistant superintendents; TABCO president; BC Executive; BC Council, BC Work Force Development Council, Powered by ME (performance enhancing drugs/steroid abuse awareness)
- Media contacts: print, radio, TV

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
- New!! PTA Council E-NEWS - Electronic mailing of monthly bulletins and periodic e-blasts that contain important, time-sensitive information

Other

- MD PTA Council of Excellence Award received (at highest level) (11/06)