

September 12, 2020

Welcome new and returning Parents' Council representatives!

We hope that you and your family are remaining well and safe during these unprecedented and challenging times. Thank you for volunteering to serve in this vital position within your school.

As the NAACP Parents' Council representative, it is our expectation that you serve as an advocate for Black students, people of color and their families in your school. We encourage you to create a partnership with another parent at your school to take on this important role. This position, though rewarding, comes with several responsibilities.

Responsibilities include:

- NAACP membership
- Attend Parents' Council monthly meetings
- Plan/support activities in your school related to parent involvement and student achievement and to support parents when issues arise as needed
- Work collaboratively on school projects with school staff and PTA/PTSA leadership
- Stay in contact with your Cluster Representative
- Join the PC list serve- parentscouncilnet@yahoo.com

To ensure compliance with current social distance requirements, we will hold "virtual" meetings via Zoom. We will continue virtual meetings until instructed to do otherwise.

Our September meeting entitled, "Let's Get Organized!" will assist school representatives in planning for the year. At this meeting, we will discuss the role of the Parents' Council representative, the NAACP/ MCPS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and provide information to assist with engaging and organizing parents and school staff. We will also review the importance of building a relationship with the school PTA Executive team, your Principal and other administrative staff within your school. This will allow all parties to share in the goals/priorities for the new school year.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 23, 2020**. If you are unable to attend, please encourage someone from your school to do so. We like to ensure that all schools are represented at our monthly meetings so parents can benefit from the information that is shared. We also ask that you respond to the survey link provided to allow us to get an idea of the needs of the parents at your school.

Please visit our website at www.naacppc-md.org. Your copy of the NAACP Parents' Council Handbook and other important documents can be found there. This includes a one sheet Tri-fold that provides a snap shot of the Parents' Council mission and priority partnerships we have created over the years. We hope this information serves as a "Quick Reference Guide" for your convenience. Feel free to distribute this information to those who have general questions regarding the Parents' Council.

Our goal is to serve as a resource for each of you and we look forward to working with you this school year!

Sincerely,

NAACP Parents' Council Executive Team