

January 2009

**MCCPTA Capital Improvements Program Committee Report**

**Chair: Steve Augustino**

December was an “in-between” month for CIP issues. After the Board of Education approved a Proposed CIP in November, it was submitted to the County Executive for review. The County Executive is scheduled to submit a proposed budget, including the school CIP, in January 2009 to the County Council.

At the December Board of Directors meeting, a discussion was held of the items that comprise the CIP budget. A number of questions were raised about specific line items, and I spent much of December attempting to research the issues further. I spoke with Robert Hellmuth, director of security for MCPS, regarding the installation of security cameras and access control systems. I also had further conversations with MCPS Division of Construction staff regarding the Tech Mod and HVAC line items. In addition, I researched further explanations of budget items provided by MCPS to the County Council’s Education Committee. The dates for Cluster testimony before the County Council have not been determined at this time. It appears more likely that the Council will receive testimony in April this year.