

Health Committee Report

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Health Education Curriculum:

Tuesday, October 10th: the Maryland Court of Appeals ruled against the Citizens for a Responsible Curriculum, PFOX, and Family Leader Network, who had asked the court for a stay that would overrule a decision by the State of Maryland Board of Education that allowed implementation of the new sex-ed curriculum. The stay has been denied and the new sex-ed curriculum will be implemented in MCPS 8th and 10th grade classes.

Health Room Coverage:

MCCPTA delegates passed a resolution (introduced and spearheaded by Rich Edelman) last Spring urging that more funding be provided to increase health room coverage. That has happened! Here are the specifics:

School nurses and school health room aides who are in 5 and 6 hour/day position are increased to 7 hours/day. This went into effect for most of those positions when school began in August. The rest will move to 7 hours on January 1, 2008. This increase provides coverage when school is in session--and some time beyond for elementary schools. This information was provided by:

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