

**Resolution on Parent Involvement
in the Development and Implementation
of the Elementary Integrated Curriculum
Adopted November 23, 2010**

Whereas:

- A. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has begun developing an Elementary Integrated Curriculum
- B. MCPS expects full implementation of the new curriculum in kindergarten through second grade in the 2011-2012 school year and in third grade to fifth grade in the 2012-2013 school year.
- C. Teachers will access the curriculum online via the mymcps portal, rather than through printed curriculum guides that had been previously used.
- D. Printed curriculum guides had been available in school libraries to any parents who wished to review the curriculum.
- E. MCPS hopes to eventually provide parents access to the mymcps portal, but currently has no plans for when it will happen.
- F. Parents have the need and expectation to be able to review curriculum guides
- G. The Montgomery County Board of Education has granted preliminary approval of the MCPS Elementary Integrated Curriculum Framework, which combines existing elementary curriculum, Common Core State Standards, and Thinking and Academic Success Skills
- H. The Elementary Integrated Curriculum Framework has been posted as a single 154 page pdf on the MCPS website along with a four question feedback form
- I. MCPS will be working with Pearson Education in the development and assessment of the Elementary Integrated Curriculum.

Therefore be it resolved

- 1. MCPS should provide continued opportunities for parents to provide meaningful feedback in the development of the elementary integrated curriculum throughout the development and implementation process.
- 2. By the time schools are required to implement the curriculum, all parents in all schools should have regular access to the curriculum if they wish to review it.
- 3. MCPS should develop a reasonable timeline for parent access to the myMCPS portal.
- 4. In the future, when Curriculum Frameworks are put out for review on the MCPS website, there should be options to provide feedback on individual recommendations in the document. Furthermore people reviewing the document should be able to see what comments other people have left and be able to indicate their agreement or disagreement with the comments.
- 5. MCPS should make a concerted effort to educate, inform, and share with parents and the rest of the community any and all information about the effectiveness of the Elementary Integrated Curriculum. That information should be shared with the parents and the community before that information is shared with any other entity outside of MCPS.