

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

The **National PTA** @ <http://www.pta.org> and **Maryland PTA** @ <http://www.mdpta.org> have issued this PTA Action Alert on 2/2/09:

“Senate to Decide This Week Whether Health and Education Are Among America's Priorities in an Economic Stimulus Package (PTA Action Alert—Call Your Senators)

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a wide-ranging economic stimulus package. This legislation will provide investment in the American economy through a variety of avenues, including **over \$140 billion for investment in education** and **over \$112 billion for health initiatives**. This week, the Senate will discuss their version of legislation. It is essential that the **education and health initiatives** that are currently major priorities in this legislation remain so. Tell Congress that any future must depend on the health and education of our children, and that education and health must remain top priorities in the economic stimulus package.”

The National PTA also published the [2009 PTA Public Policy Agenda](http://www.pta.org/public_policy_agenda.asp). The Agenda focuses on three key priorities: parent engagement in education; equity and opportunity for all children; and child health. http://www.pta.org/public_policy_agenda.asp

Important CCPS News: PROPOSED FY 2010 OPERATING BUDGET—Hearings & Feedback

The Carroll County Board of Education (BOE) is accepting feedback for the **FY10 Proposed Operating Budget**. The Operating budget funds staffing, classroom resources, transportation, facility maintenance, etc. The dates for public presentation, review, and input are:

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 (rescheduled from January 28) **BOE Offices, Rm 007 –6:00 pm**
Public Hearing and Board Work Session on Budget

****Tuesday, February 10, 2009 Public Hearing – South Carroll High School – 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 BOE Offices, Rm 007—1:00 pm
Public Hearing/Adoption of Board of Education’s Proposed FY 10 Budget

The proposed operating budget is available for review online at <http://www.carrollk12.org/>. Comments and suggestions may be sent to feedback@k12.carr.org and BOE (list below). ciecker@k12.carr.org, cfoley@k12.carr.org, gwbauer@k12.carr.org, bjshree@k12.carr.org, pwgadbe@k12.carr.org, jaseide@k12.carr.org; Please copy the County Commissioners at: jgouge@ccg.carr.org; dminnich@ccg.carr.org; mzimmer@ccg.carr.org

After BOE approval, the budget requests are sent to State funding agencies and the County Commissioners for final approval. Since funding is limited, your input to your representatives is critical in making sure improvements to our schools get done. Please try to attend the February hearings. If you can not attend watch the broadcast on Cable TV Channel 21 or review meeting agendas @ <http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/ccps/Board.nsf/Public?OpenFrameSet>
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