



February 26, 2019

Loudoun County School Board

Administration Building
21000 Education Court
Ashburn, VA 20148

RE: Adhoc Committee on Equity

Dear Loudoun County School Board,

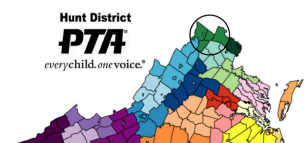
The Hunt District PTA fully supports the creation of an Adhoc Equity Committee and requests that a representative of the Hunt District PTA be included among the voting members of the Committee.

We are the official voice of the parents in 50 of LCPS' schools and provide an opportunity for parent group leaders from every school in the county to come together to collaborate and share ideas and resources.

Celebrating the diversity of views, experiences, cultural heritage and traditions, skills and abilities, values, and preferences that make up our communities is at the core of our work whether it be hosting multicultural night, bringing families together for meals, purchasing books for diverse classroom libraries, paying for supplemental teacher training and resources, or providing a monthly forum for parents within each school to come together to discuss concerns and solutions. PTA Officers are actively engaged, daily, in the ground work within each school building of fostering an inclusive and diverse school climate.

Fifty years ago the National PTA and the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers (NCCPT) merged in order to ensure that all students had equitable support from one united voice. Our PTA Officers are active advocates beyond our individual schools and communities in their work advocating for state and federal legislation and funding to support the diverse needs and interests of all students.

Additionally, we want to request that a member of the LCPS English Language and Welcome Center staff be included as an identified member of Adhoc Equity Committee. The work in the Welcome Center and through Parents as Educational Partners helps parents and families acclimate and understand the United States education system and is an important aspect of creating a welcoming, respectful climate for all families.





As we work as a community to foster an environment that addresses systemic unconscious bias, increases minority participation in gifted services, closes the early childhood achievement gap, increases hiring diversity and in general, improves cultural awareness and sensitivity, it is important that every group that supports our students, parents, teachers and families be included in the conversation and have a seat on the Committee to effect change at all levels.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hunt District PTA Executive Committee

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