

CTL NEWSLETTER

November

As we wrap up our third month of school, the CTL hopes you have a restful mini-break, filled with opportunities to relax and gather with friends and family.

Important Links

- [MCPS Organizational Chart](#)
- [MCEA 2023-2027 Contract](#)
- [Councils on Teaching and Learning](#)
- [Bethesda Beat Article - "Does MCPS Deserve a Passing Grade"](#)

Important Dates

- December 10 - CTL Meeting
- December 13 - Interims Due at 5pm
- December 23 - NO SCHOOL
- January 8 - CTL Meeting
- January 20 - MLK Day
- January 28 - End of Q2

District Assessments

Math - Given each quarter. Students will be given an Incomplete if they do not take it, and will have ten days into the next quarter to make it up, otherwise a zero will be calculated into their grade.

English - Given in third quarter, and counts as 10% of the grade.

Science - Biology only - given in second quarter; 10% of grade. Progress checks are given in quarters one and three. These are assessments help prepare students for MISA in Q4; 20% of the grade. Bio teachers need non-public released resources for formatives.

HIAT

Due to a conflict, we were unable to meet with a representative from the High Incidence Technology Assessment department. These are their [informational slides](#). We will reschedule in the future.





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The Labor Management Restructuring Transition Team (LMRTT) continues its efforts at re-envisioning MCEA's organizational structure. More details are coming soon!

Please send us feedback using [this form](#).

Our CTL Charge

The MCEA Council on Teaching and Learning:

1. Provide a vehicle for teacher discussion of, reaction to, and then communication about MCPS initiatives related to curriculum, assessment, instruction, and staff development.
2. Represent the perspective of teachers at each grade level and in each subject discipline on matters of curriculum, assessment, instruction and staff development.
3. Participate with MCPS representatives in collaborative problem-solving regarding matters germane to curriculum, assessment, instruction and staff development.

Your English Reps

Lisa Hawkins C(TL Co-Chair) - his is my third year as your CTL Representative and I enjoy being your voice. I am looking forward to another year of bringing your concerns and celebrations to MCEA and Central Office in 2024-2025. I have taught grades 10 and 12 at Wheaton HS for six years. Prior to that, I taught at Poolesville HS for thirteen years, and Shady Grove MS for three. My husband and I live outside of Laytonsville, where we are the only residents whose fur babies consist solely of dogs.

Elizabeth Keating - This is my second year as your CTL Representative. I am learning a lot about how CTL functions and interacts with MCEA leadership, curriculum specialists, and the MCPS community to support teachers and students. I have taught grades 9, 10, and 12, as well as yearbook, at Whitman HS for 24 years, and my family and I are members of the Quince Orchard cluster.

