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**MCPS Educational Foundation
Elects New Officers**

Jon Enten, Patricia B. O'Neill, Melvyn Leshinsky, Michael Humenik to Guide Academic-Enriching Organization That Supports MCPS Students and Programs

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Rockville, MD – The Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Educational Foundation recently elected new officers to help guide the organization. The officers were elected by the Foundation's Board of Directors and will serve a two-year term. The new officers include:

- President – Jon Enten, CEO of Enten & Associates, Inc.
- Vice President – Patricia B. O'Neill, Montgomery County Board of Education
- Treasurer – Melvyn Leshinsky, Aronson & Company
- Secretary – Michael Humenik, ACS Government Solutions

"After serving the Foundation for several years, I am honored to take on a leadership role and look forward to helping the organization grow," says Enten, the newly elected president.

The Foundation's immediate past president, Pennie Abramson of The Tower Companies, served four years as a dedicated officer. The Tower Companies is a generous contributor to the organization and continually supports MCPSEF activities.

The MCPS Educational Foundation was established to help the neediest students in the county and was founded with the principle that no student should forego higher education for financial reasons. The Foundation supports an extensive scholarship program and will award over 150 scholarships this year. Last year, it awarded over \$140,000 in delegation scholarships to financially needy MCPS students.

"It is our dream to have no student in Montgomery County denied a higher education due to financial need," says Esther Gelman, chair of the Scholarship Committee.

In addition to scholarships, the MCPS Educational Foundation provides funds for special and innovative MCPS programs that the approved budget cannot support. The Foundation's Small Grants program funds various creative projects each year, recently including an opera at Farmland Elementary School and a solar car project at Walter Johnson High School. In 2007, more than \$51,000 was awarded to schools to fund 71 innovative educational projects in classrooms.

The Foundation also awards Extended Technology Hours Grants that open school computer labs in the evenings, so students can do their homework, build on technology skills, show their parents what they are doing and orient parents to computers in the classroom.

Montgomery County Public Schools serves more than 139,000 students in 199 schools, making it the largest school system in Maryland and the 16th largest in the nation.

For additional information, please visit: www.mcpsfoundation.org.

ABOUT MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Educational Foundation, Inc. is a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization that receives funds from charitable foundations, government granting agencies, cooperative business, estates of deceased persons, and helpful citizens. With those funds, the Foundation carefully awards funds to MCPS staff for projects designed to support their programs. You can learn more about the foundation at www.mcpsfoundation.org.
