

Retirement Reception



Retirees with 40 years of service (or more) with MCPS gather for a post-reception photo with Dr. Jerry D. Weast.

More than 170 retirees from the Class of 2007 attended the annual Retirement Reception held at Woodmont Country Club on Wednesday, June 13, 2007.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jerry D. Weast and members of the Board of Education were on hand to congratulate retirees at the event, hosted by the Office of Human Resources and the

Employee and Retiree Service Center.

This was the first time the reception was held at Woodmont, after many years of hosting the reception at Indian Spring Country Club. The move to Woodmont was well received by all who attended.

Retirees received certificates displaying their years of service with MCPS. Outgoing MCPS Retirees Association



MCPS Retirees Association President Fred Evans announces retirees' names as Chief Financial Officer Sue DeGraba looks on.

President Ken Muir and newly elected President Fred Evans participated in the event, announcing each person's name, position, and years of service.

All retirees are invited to join the MCPS Retirees Association (MCPSRA). Questions can be directed to President Fred Evans via e-mail at Fred_S_Evans@mcpsmd.org. •

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2007 Retiree Open Season Report

The Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) recently concluded the annual retiree health plan open enrollment for the 2007-2008 plan year. Open enrollment was held over a threeweek period and concluded on Friday, May 18, 2007. During that time, MCPS and the health plan vendors conducted three health fairs where retirees had the opportunity to learn more about the benefit offerings and meet with vendors. In addition, the Employee and Retiree Service Center (ERSC) handled hundreds of inquiries from MCPS retirees and dependents regarding their options for the plan year.

All changes made during open enrollment were effective on July 1, 2007.

Health and Dental Plan Enrollment

There was only modest change in health plan enrollment during the open season. As of July, 1,113 retirees are enrolled in the BlueChoice Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), 782 are covered by the Kaiser Permanente Health Plan, 1,306 are covered by the Optimum Choice HMO, 783 are enrolled in a Point of Service (POS) plan, and 3,858 are covered by the Medicare Supplement Plan.

Ninety-five percent of retirees are covered by the dental preferred provider option (PPO), while 5 percent are covered by the Dental Maintenance Organization (DMO).

Prescription Plan Enrollment

Four years ago MCPS began offering retirees the opportunity to choose between two prescription drug plans.

In 2003, 80 percent of retirees chose prescription Option A (lower co-pays

but higher monthly premiums) and 20 percent chose prescription Option B (higher co-pays but lower premiums), even though, in many situations, Option B may have been a more financially beneficial option.

Over the past four years, there has been a gradual shift from Option A to Option B. The trend continued during the most recent open enrollment, as 67 percent of retirees are now enrolled in Option A and 33 percent are enrolled in Option B.

Medicare Part D

On January 1, 2006, the federal government began offering retirees the opportunity to enroll in Medicare's prescription drug plan (Medicare Part D). MCPS plans were determined to be as good as, or better than, the Medicare Part D plan for the plan year July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

Any eligible retiree is free to enroll in a private (non-MCPS) Medicare Part D plan during the upcoming Federal Part D open enrollment that begins on November 15, 2007, and ends on December 31, 2007.

However, if you do enroll in a non-MCPS plan, you will not be able to continue coverage under the MCPS plan. This may have further coverage implications for you and your dependents, as all covered family members must have the same MCPS coverage. If you need more information about your prescription benefit, visit the ERSC Web site. If you have questions, please contact the Employee and Retiree Service Center at 301-517-8100. Call volumes are typically shorter Tuesday through Thursday. ◆

Diabetes and Seniors

Diabetes is a chronic condition characterized by high blood glucose (blood sugar) levels, due to the body's inability to produce or respond to insulin, a hormone that allows blood glucose to enter the cells of the body and is mainly used for energy.

Seniors are at risk of diabetes, but they are not the only people to be affected by diabetes: type 1 diabetes (previously known as insulin-dependent diabetes or juvenile-onset diabetes) is usually diagnosed during childhood, while type 2 diabetes (previously known as non-insulin dependent diabetes or adult-onset diabetes), the most common type, is usually diagnosed in adults over the age of 45, although a growing number of young people are developing type 2 diabetes. Gestational diabetes is a type of diabetes that occurs only during pregnancy.

Major risk factors for type 2 diabetes include age, being overweight, genetic predisposition to diabetes, and a reduction in activity levels. The possibility of developing type 2 diabetes steadily increases with age.

Type 2 diabetes is most likely to occur if you—

 are over 45 years old and have high blood pressure;

- are over 45 and are overweight;
- are over 45 and have (or have had) one or more family members with diabetes;
- are over 55 years of age;

• have had a heart attack or suffer from heart disease;

 have or have had a blood sugar test that is borderline-high;

• have or have had high blood sugar levels during pregnancy (a condition called gestational diabetes).

A key issue for seniors with diabetes is that sometimes the symptoms may not be obvious. The well-known symptoms of diabetes, such as urinating excessively and unquenched thirst, are not as obvious in the elderly as in young people. In addition, symptoms of type 2 diabetes, such as feeling tired and lethargic, can often be misinterpreted as a part of the normal aging process. As a result, seniors with diabetes may be relatively free of symptoms and may remain undiagnosed until damage has been done.

If left unchecked, the accumulation of glucose in the blood can cause enormous damage to nearly every major organ in the body, including kidney damage; artery damage and the increased risk of stroke and heart attack; eye damage, leading to vision loss; erectile dysfunction in men; and nerve damage that can lead to traumatic injury and infection, possibly leading to limb amputation.

It is very unlikely that damage that has already occurred can be mended; however, you can work together with your doctor to control your blood sugar and help minimize the impact of diabetes in the future.

With many Americans now living to 80+ years, preventing the long-term complications of diabetes from further damaging your health is very important. For example, your doctor might recommend that you take a small dose of aspirin every day to help reduce your chances of having a heart attack or stroke, especially if you have vascular (blood vessel) problems.

Many older people also have other conditions in addition to diabetes, and this can complicate diabetes management. For example, high blood pressure or high levels of certain fats in the blood can speed up the progression of common complications of diabetes, such as kidney, eye, foot, and heart and blood vessel problems. People with diabetes whose blood glucose levels are high are more prone to infections than those with normal blood glucose levels. Keeping your blood glucose levels in check is very important.

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New Look for the MCPS Employees' Retirement and Pension Tax Withholding Form

Retirees had expressed concerns about the format and explanations on the Aetna tax form required for submission at retirement and to make selected tax withholding changes after retirement. In response, we have redesigned the Aetna form, and created a new MCPS form (MCPS Form 281-50) with examples and instructions that will make it easier for retireed to complete this form.

Please be advised the elections on this form only apply to deductions from your MCPS retirement check. State members will still need to contact the state for Maryland and/or federal withholding from their state retirement check.

The form is available in the retirees section of the ERSC Web site, and in the MCPS forms directory, available on the MCPS staff page.

Each retiree is responsible for having the required federal and state income taxes withheld, based on their overall income and projected tax liability. However, it is not necessary to have withholdings from each individual income source. Instead, retirees have one federal and one state withholding account (depending upon your state of legal residence and applicable state tax laws).

Individuals who do not have enough income tax withheld may wish to file estimated taxes or could be subject to penalties if their withholding is not adequate. Some states exclude pension income from taxable wages while other states exclude pension income once you have attained a certain age, such as age 65.

Other states treat pension income as fully taxable. Therefore, it is critical to familiarize yourself with the tax laws and withholding requirements of your state of residence or consult a qualified tax advisor.

Each year you file federal and state income tax returns to determine your actual tax liability. Then, based upon the amount withheld during the tax year, you will either owe additional taxes or receive a tax refund. Several forms are used to update the amount of federal and state taxes that are withheld from your pension. The forms you will need depend upon your state of residence, and whether you receive vour core retirement benefit from the State Teachers' Retirement System or the MCPS Employee's Retirement/ Pension System through MCPS's agent, Aetna, Inc. •

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

There was a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for retirees receiving core benefits from the State Retirement Agency (SRA); retirement system members received a 3.23 percent increase and pension system members received a 3 percent increase. The new COLA was effective July 1, 2007, for state retirees who retired on or before July 1, 2006. You received the COLA increase in your July 2007 retirement check. The COLA for retirees receiving their core benefit from MCPS is effective each January. All retirees who retired as of December 1, 2006, received the COLA in January 2007.

In Memoriam Retirees Deceased between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007

It is with great sadness that we share the loss of our fellow MCPS retirees. *Retirees are listed in alphabetical order with their date of passing.*

Nina M. Allen Mable E. Ambush Nell Angel Terttu M. Ansary **Eulene** Anvender Allen M. Avery, Jr. Adrienne Ayers James H. Baliles Micheal A. Barb Virginia M. Barnett Clair A. Baum Richard M. Baxter Nancy M. Bernard Raphaela Best Helen L. Bishop Marcella E. Boardman Violet L. Bradbury Monnie Brake **Elnora Brown** Shirley Brown Dolly M. Burdette Donna L. Burgee Paul F. Burner, Jr. Alice L. Byrne Eddiebelle C.Carmichael July 18, 2006 Billie A. Carter Mary F. Chiswell Ida Clark Janet M. Cline Eva Coachman Phyllis P. Cochran James A. Coles **Corrine Colmes** Wilma Combs James R. Conner, Jr. Carla Cope Edna M. Copeland Arthur J. Costanzo Virginia L. Cox Dorsey E. Cox Zelma S. Cox

November 22, 2006 January 28, 2007 July 6, 2006 August 25, 2006 December 30, 2006 December 2, 2006 May 30, 2007 March 11, 2007 October 5, 2006 November 19, 2006 March 13, 2007 October 15, 2006 June 8, 2007 September 6, 2006 June 20, 2007 August 15, 2006 September 7, 2006 March 31, 2007 August 26, 2006 November 5, 2006 March 7, 2007 December 8, 2006 July 20, 2006 August 25, 2006 August 29, 2006 April 14, 2007 July 26, 2006 October 28, 2006 December 7, 2006 August 13, 2006 June 25, 2007 April 16, 2007 January 11, 2007 December 11, 2006 April 14, 2007 October 25, 2006 December 12, 2006 August 13, 2006 November 24, 2006 June 23, 2007

William C. Cox Mary J. Cullinane Josephus Cutchin Mary J. Dangona F. A. Davila Richard J. Dent Pauline K. Donnell C. Edgerton Margaret L. Egan Helen C. Eldredge Irene Ellowitz Ursula H. Epstein Norman L. Evans **Richard S. Field** Thomas N. Fitch Velma L. Fitzwater Walter F. Frear, Sr. Cary L. Frey Lois Gaillard Sylvia L. Gayer Lois E. Gebran Rose M. Gerns Albert Gibson Joan Glass Colleen M. Gormley Patricia A. Graham Jeannette T. Griffin Dorothy A. Grimes Donald O. Hankla **Eliz Harrow Richard T. Hawkins** Edward Hebda Margaret A. Hedges Barbara L. Henning Thomas P. Henry Margaret E. Herron Laura Hersperger L. D. Holdsworth Carmen M. Hostetler James R. Hough Emily A. Hudson

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Gladys B. Ortega Harleen Y. Page Elizabeth Paska Charles D. Penick Carole T. Pezolano Gladys L. Plummer Walter D. Prather H. E. Quinn Gyda Reisner Girard I. Reynolds James E. Riggs Anthony M. Rinaldi Barbara J. Ritucci **Rita Rosenberg** Margaret L. Rowe Mac Rutherford Mary H. Sanders Zaida M. Seijo Lillian Sexton Mary K. Sivert Robert E. Smith James Smith F. L. Squier Rita A. Stanbrough Aline Stephens Donna L. Stephens Vaughn E. Stewart Frances R. Swanson Rosa E. Taylor Myrtle V. Thomas Truman H. Thomas, Sr. Marion E. Thompson James D. Traxel Catherine A. Udovich John P. Wagner Christine J. Walker Melvin Walker L. S. Wallace Annie B. Webster Corrine O. Weedon **Bettina Wetzel** John H. Williams Estella C. Williams Ellen S. Williams Margaret E. Willis Julia B. Wilson Betty M. Wilson Frank P. Wrightson, III

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Seniors should also take precautionary measures against additional infection; for example, by having regular vaccinations against flu and

pneumonia. Some medications also can have diabetes so he/she can recommend have an impact on your blood glucose levels. Please be sure to communicate to your doctor and/or pharmacist that you condition by-

the appropriate treatment.

Your doctor can help manage your

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INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING FOR RETIREES

Each retiree is responsible to have the required Federal and State income taxes withheld based upon their overall income and projected tax liability. However, it is not necessary to have withholdings from each individual income source. Instead, retirees normally need to have one Federal and one State withholding account (depending upon your state of legal residence, and applicable state tax laws). Individuals who do not have enough income tax withheld may wish to file estimated taxes or they may be subject to penalties if their withholding is not adequate.

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The following four examples illustrate the common situations based upon plan membership and state of residence. Each example will explain the necessary forms and where to send them to establish or adjust your withholding amount.

 running blood tests regularly to check that your diabetes is under control;

checking your eyes regularly to keep

track of possible eye disease (diabetic retinopathy);

monitoring your weight and assisting blood pressure if present;
 with weight control programs;

• measuring your blood pressure regularly and providing treatment for high

State Tax Withholding

States Other Than Maryland

MCPS Supplemental

See footnote #3.

See footnote #2.

retirement forms

To ERSC along with all

Directly to: Aetna, Inc., Large Case

Pensions, RS2A, 151 Farmington Avenue

Hartford, CT 06156

Benefit

Yes

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INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING FOR RETIREES

Withheld From

Form to use

when establish-

ing or adjusting your withholding amount Available Online

Online Address

Where to send completed forms

at retirement

Where to send completed forms

for subsequent

changes

EXAMPLE #1			
Core Benefit from Maryland State Retirement System			
Supplemental Benefit from MCPS/Aetna			
Resident of Maryland			

EXAMPLE #2 Core Benefit from Maryland State Retirement System Supplemental Benefit from MCPS/Aetna Non-Resident of Maryland

> Federal Tax Withholding

State Monthly Benefit

W-4P section of SRA

See footnote #1.

retirement forms

Directly to: State Retirement Agency of Maryland, 120 E.

MD 21202-6700

Baltimore St., Baltimore,

To ERSC along with all

Form 766

Yes

	Federal Tax Withholding	State of Maryland Tax Withholding	
Withheld From	State Monthly Benefit	Either State Monthly Benefit or MCPS Supplemental Benefit	
Form to use when establish- ing or adjusting your withholding amount	W-4P section of SRA Form 766	If from State Benefit, lower portion of SRA Form 766. If from MCPS Benefit, then Section II of MCPS Form 281-50.	
Available Online	Yes	Yes	
Online Address	See footnote #1.	For State Form, footnote #1. For MCPS/Aetna Form see footnote #2.	
Where to send completed tax forms at retire- ment	To ERSC along with all retirement forms	To ERSC along with all retirement forms	
Where to send completed forms for subsequent changes	Directly to: State Retirement Agency of Maryland, 120 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21202-6700	State form to State Retirement Agency MCPS Form to: Aetna, Inc., Large Case Pensions, RS2A, 151 Farmington Avenue Hartford, CT 06156	

EXAMPLE #4 Core Benefit from MCPS/Aetna Supplemental Benefit from MCPS/Aetna Non-Resident of Maryland

	Federal Tax Withholding	State of Maryland Tax Withholding	
Withheld From	MCPS/Aetna Monthly Benefit	MCPS Monthly Benefit	
Form to use when establishing or adjusting your withholding amount	Section I of MCPS Form 281-50	Section II of MCPS Form 281-50	
Available Online	Yes	Yes	
Online Address	See footnote #2.	See footnote #2.	
Where to send completed forms at retirement	To ERSC along with all retirement forms	To ERSC along with all retirement forms	
Where to send completed forms for subsequent changes	Directly to: Aetna, Inc., Large Case Pensions, RS2A, 151 Farmington Avenue Hartford, CT 06156	Directly to: Aetna, Inc., Large Case Pensions, RS2A, 151 Farmington Avenue Hartford, CT 06156	

EXAMPLE #3 Core Benefit from MCPS/Aetna

Supplemental Benefit from MCPS/Aetna

Resident of Maryland

	Federal Tax Withholding	State Tax Withholding States Other Than Maryland
Withheld From	MCPS/Aetna Monthly Benefit	MCPS Monthly Benefit
Form to use when establishing or adjusting your withholding amount	Section I of MCPS Form 281-50	See footnote #3.
Available Online	Yes	Yes
Online Address	See footnote #2.	See footnote #2.
Where to send completed forms at retirement	To ERSC along with all retirement forms	To ERSC along with all retirement forms
Where to send completed forms for subsequent changes	Directly to: Aetna, Inc., Large Case Pensions, RS2A, 151 Farmington Avenue Hartford, CT 06156	Directly to: Aetna, Inc., Large Case Pensions, RS2A, 151 Farmington Avenue Hartford, CT 06156

FOOTNOTES:

- 1. http://www.sra.state.md.us/forms/sramd_forms/sramd_form766.pdf
- 2. http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/pdf/281-50.pdf
- 3. If your state has an income tax withholding form for Pension or Annuity payments, you should complete your state form. Information regarding income tax withholding allowances can be obtained from your state taxing authority. For those retirees living in Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia, forms are available from the following Web sites:
 - http://www.tax.virginia.gov/web pdfs/busForms/va4p.pdf

http://www.state.de.us/revenue http://www.state.wv/txrev/uploads/433a.pdf

http://cfo.dc.gov/otr/site

FOR OTHER STATES, YOU WILL NEED TO CONTACT YOUR STATE OF RESIDENCE FOR THE APPLICABLE FORM.

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 checking the health of your feet for any signs of foot ulcers or infections and recommending a specialist or podiatrist to help manage any diabetic foot problems;

 monitoring your levels of cholesterol and triglycerides (types of fat found in the bloodstream) regularly, and providing treatment if your levels are outside the normal range;

• conducting regular urine tests to check for any kidney problems (diabetic nephropathy);

• keeping vaccinations up to date to help prevent additional illness.

You can help manage your condition by-

• working with your doctor to learn how to keep control of your diabetes;

 keeping in regular contact with your doctor;

• visiting a podiatrist for regular check-ups;

• wearing proper footwear and examining your feet every night to check for problems;

• communicating to all the health professionals with whom you come in contact that you have diabetes;

 conducting regular blood glucose monitoring to keep track of your condition;

 watching your diet and making healthy choices, such as eating less fat and more healthy carbohydratecontaining foods such as fruit, vegetables, and whole grain bread;

• quitting smoking if you smoke;

losing weight if you need to;

 performing some form of physical activity under the guidance of your doctor;

 keeping all recommended vaccinations up to date; and

 ensuring you take your medication according to your doctor's instructions. 0266.08 • ELECTRONIC GRAPHICS (& PUBLISHING SERVICES • 10K • 8.07

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