



2013 – 2014

Neighbor to Neighbor

Be Engaged

Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) gives members of the MCPS community the opportunity to host or participate in small-group discussions on important school system topics. This year, you will have the opportunity to participate in two N2N conversations.

- 1. The MCPS Operating Budget:** MCPS wants to know what parents and community members value in the school district's budget for next school year and beyond.
- 2. Bell Times:** The district wants to hear your thoughts on how the proposal to change school start and end times—also known as bell times—will impact students and the community.

You can choose to participate in either topic or both. The Neighbor to Neighbor website is loaded with useful information to help you get started. Interested in hosting or participating in a Neighbor to Neighbor event? Here are a few simple steps to follow:



Gather a group and choose a location.

Everyone is invited to host a N2N discussion. Choose a location that, preferably, has Internet access so those in attendance can view the documents and videos that are a part of the toolkits. If you need an off-line copy of the video, e-mail pio@mcpsmd.org.



Watch the videos and review documents.

The videos will give you a broad overview of each topic. The videos, combined with the handouts, should provide a foundation for your discussions.



Have your conversation.

It's time to begin your discussion. There are guiding questions in both toolkits to get the conversation started. Make sure someone takes notes and, if you want, take a few pictures of your discussion to share with the MCPS community.



Share your thoughts.

Please e-mail your notes and any pictures you want to share to pio@mcpsmd.org. For the Bell Times discussion, please submit your feedback via the online submission form on the website. All feedback will be compiled and shared with the Board of Education and the superintendent.

For more information and to get started, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org and search "Neighbor to Neighbor."