Dear Families,

Middle school and high school students should continue earning SSL hours towards their SSL graduation requirement by engaging in SSL opportunities during the 2022-2023 school year, including traditional in-person opportunities and select virtual/remote opportunities that follow the amended guidelines posted on the MCPS SSL webpage ([www.mcps-ssl.org](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mcps-ssl.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7CShella_B_Cherry%40mcpsmd.org%7C472f55bc846d45f53d7d08d91fd1fbc4%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637575808991386888%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=dfErqoXap54QTBa83boOQ3cChkvuZ7mILKdtr%2F6wNC4%3D&reserved=0)).

Click here for some fun, engaging [**SEPTEMBER SERVICE**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F1ZirVyQ9D5fmNScTJH20OUwH2Uodohu4FzMkdYQmH_MI%2Fedit&data=05%7C01%7CKara_J_Peoples%40mcpsmd.org%7Cd668094b82ad459e28b308da91894f1d%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C637982316164077807%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3aIHJw7GoCuR0uB%2B1Sq%2BRryUFZgS6QPJkNl33RufOGM%3D&reserved=0)opportunities. These opportunities are pre-approved but you will need to still complete and submit a [**reflection form**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FSSLReflection&data=05%7C01%7CKara_J_Peoples%40mcpsmd.org%7Cd668094b82ad459e28b308da91894f1d%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C637982316164077807%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=g58VUrtPnDv1NooPEf2ct0K9DH63DdHLyTEUUVgqZrk%3D&reserved=0).

Please refer to important information about the MCPS SSL program provided below:

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| **SSL Hours Documentation*** SSL forms for service completed after June 1, 2022, should be turned into the school’s SSL coordinator by the recommended due date of September 23, 2022.
* Students who wish to submit SSL forms from previous school years must write an appeal to the school’s principal outlining the circumstances for why the SSL form(s) were not turned in by the systemwide deadline. The school’s principal will consider the information presented and make a final decision about the appeal.
 | To view **SSL forms and important due dates** for the 2022-2023 school year, please click[**here**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F1cuKmwpBILerjI55oiog0IDtnxXfp1fYy%2Fview%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=05%7C01%7CKara_J_Peoples%40mcpsmd.org%7Cd668094b82ad459e28b308da91894f1d%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C637982316164077807%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Q5OECf0Y0UqgHHsX4uuli7aB95FCss%2FzjX1cnjhFGZE%3D&reserved=0).Please note that all SSL forms for service completed during the summer of 2022 or the 2022-2023 school year should be submitted to the school’s SSL coordinator on a rolling basis by the **recommended due dates of September 23, 2022, and January 6, 2023**, but **no later than the required deadline of June 2, 2023.** |
| **SSL Awards*** Any high school senior who has submitted documentation to show the completion of **240 SSL hours or more** by March 30, 2023, will earn the Certificate of Meritorious Service along with a purple tassel for graduation.
* Any middle school student who has submitted documentation to show the completion of the **75-hour SSL graduation requirement** (for the first time in middle school) by March 30, 2023, will receive the Superintendent’s SSL Award.
 | The required deadline for all documentation that qualifies seniors for the Certificate of Meritorious Service and middle school students for the Superintendent’s SSL Award is **March 30, 2023**. All SSL forms (MCPS Form 560-51: Student Service Learning Activity Verification form - [**https://bit.ly/SSLReflection**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FSSLReflection&data=05%7C01%7CKara_J_Peoples%40mcpsmd.org%7Cd668094b82ad459e28b308da91894f1d%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C637982316164077807%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=g58VUrtPnDv1NooPEf2ct0K9DH63DdHLyTEUUVgqZrk%3D&reserved=0)) should be submitted to the school’s SSL coordinator by **March 30, 2023**, to be considered for these awards. |
| **Nonprofit-Hosted SSL Opportunities***MCPS SSL organizations and opportunities are tagged with the blue MCPS SSL banner and graduation cap icon on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) website* | **Click here for** [**September 2022 SSL Opportunities**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F1ZirVyQ9D5fmNScTJH20OUwH2Uodohu4FzMkdYQmH_MI%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=05%7C01%7CKara_J_Peoples%40mcpsmd.org%7Cd668094b82ad459e28b308da91894f1d%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C637982316164077807%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=aUP6qhh%2Fl%2BQUjU5J4t5aFmGc8%2F4XxjgbyuDzvdzGE6Y%3D&reserved=0)**All opportunities (including in-person):**[https://bit.ly/SSLOpportunities](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FSSLOpportunities&data=04%7C01%7CShella_B_Cherry%40mcpsmd.org%7C472f55bc846d45f53d7d08d91fd1fbc4%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637575808991386888%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=VxMi58L55vRN%2FUkR7zBhj%2FB7b4Kv6ijDpoLGktzbxRQ%3D&reserved=0)**Virtual/remote opportunities:**[https://bit.ly/VirtualSSL2020](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FVirtualSSL2020&data=04%7C01%7CShella_B_Cherry%40mcpsmd.org%7C472f55bc846d45f53d7d08d91fd1fbc4%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637575808991396876%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=1DnjEsy%2FRNLo9%2FWlNpPTV2JvewWvvRk67TMOl5OTo%2Fs%3D&reserved=0)For additional tips on how to **search for opportunities**, please go to [https://bit.ly/SSLSearchTips](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FSSLSearchTips&data=05%7C01%7CKara_J_Peoples%40mcpsmd.org%7Cd668094b82ad459e28b308da91894f1d%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C637982316164077807%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=eG5GyFvuZiYlYlP6cwsalHGTmgadbuP9ZWjV3ODbiBA%3D&reserved=0)  |
| **MCPS Form 560-51: *SSL Activity Verification Form****Used to verify and document SSL hours after service is completed**Student and supervisor must complete the form* | **SSL Activity Verification Forms** ([https://bit.ly/SSLReflection](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FSSLReflection&data=04%7C01%7CShella_B_Cherry%40mcpsmd.org%7C472f55bc846d45f53d7d08d91fd1fbc4%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637575808991406871%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Szhr%2Fz9O1sTJxmyr%2FokUwG1XwuBrJ4M8V%2BwRJUYPrUs%3D&reserved=0)) for service completed should be turned into your school’s SSL coordinator. ***(All SSL forms for service completed during the summer of 2022 should be submitted to your school’s SSL coordinator by the******recommended due date of Friday, September 23, 2022****.)* |
| **MCPS Form 560-50: *Individual SSL Request Form****Used to obtain pre-approval prior to service with a nonprofit organization not listed on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) website* | To request **pre-approval for service,** please complete [https://bit.ly/SSLPreApproval](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FSSLPreApproval&data=04%7C01%7CShella_B_Cherry%40mcpsmd.org%7C472f55bc846d45f53d7d08d91fd1fbc4%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637575808991396876%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=KZMnjSNRELk%2BQItn0rRSYld1zjsOAWUindjt3n7GIOA%3D&reserved=0) * for **in-person service**, submit this form to your school’s SSL coordinator
* for **virtual/remote service**, submit this form to SSL@mcpsmd.org
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| **MCPS SSL Hub for Students***Find SSL forms, translated resources, SSL guidelines, and much more!* | Check out **SSL forms, resources, guidelines, and much more** at our new MCPS SSL Hub for Students --  [https://bit.ly/SSLHubMCPS](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FSSLHubMCPS&data=05%7C01%7CKara_J_Peoples%40mcpsmd.org%7Cd668094b82ad459e28b308da91894f1d%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C637982316164077807%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jEz8Z8xvhm5ke5uWQ8UH%2FZxr4VSWdUVJ09O1Bla7Tos%3D&reserved=0)  |
| **Student SSL Records on Student/ParentVUE***Step-by-step directions for viewing a student’s full SSL record* | **Step-by-step directions** may be found at [https://bit.ly/SSLonVUE](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FSSLonVUE&data=04%7C01%7CShella_B_Cherry%40mcpsmd.org%7C472f55bc846d45f53d7d08d91fd1fbc4%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637575808991406871%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5CmXaGQkn6FQ4NoHx52FYIDHBRNz%2F3hRWsG3V4CzFVs%3D&reserved=0) |
| **MCPS SSL Program Overview***Complete overview of SSL requirements, guidelines, process, awards, and forms* | **MCPS SSL Program Overview** may be found at [https://bit.ly/SSLOverview2020](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FSSLOverview2020&data=04%7C01%7CShella_B_Cherry%40mcpsmd.org%7C472f55bc846d45f53d7d08d91fd1fbc4%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637575808991416866%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=YuCg8uel2udBF8wlyC5tqx2ufa64YNwxBVCgIgITZbw%3D&reserved=0)   |

Your Tilden Middle School SSL Coordinator is Mrs. Wendt (jessica\_l\_wendt@mcpsmd.org), you can reach her via e-mail or stop by room 3059.

Thank you!

Mrs. Wendt