

Resolution on Cover-Up of Child Sex Abuse in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on December 11, 2017, by the Montgomery County Civic Federation at its 890th General Session

Whereas principals and top MCPS administrators have repeatedly failed to report child sex abuse by teachers and staff to the proper authorities;

Whereas MCPS leadership and the Montgomery County Board of Education have failed to develop, implement, and enforce reasonable policies to protect children from sexual abuse by staff; and

Whereas the Civic Federation has worked to make Montgomery County government more transparent and accountable since 1925;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Montgomery County Civic Federation calls on Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jack R. Smith to:

1. **DISCLOSE** the number of lawsuits MCPS settled and total amount paid, and list the lawsuits it is currently facing due to abuse of MCPS students by staff;
2. **POST** a list of all MCPS employees and contractors who have been criminally charged and/or have had their license suspended or revoked due to the mistreatment of children, including a complete accounting of any and all schools, programs, sports and other activities that person has engaged in with students;
3. **INFORM** every MCPS parent with a letter containing an overview of scope of the problem (dozens of arrests and convictions over the past ten years), an apology for knowingly leaving our children in harm's way, and a commitment to changing the culture of cover-up and deceit in Montgomery County Public Schools.