

NAACP-MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARENTS' COUNCIL AND  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (MCPS)

**2018 Annual Kick-Off**

“CONFRONTING CHAOS BY BUILDING STRONG  
COMMUNITIES!”

**WHEN:** Mon, October 22, 2018  
5:00 PM – 8:30 PM EDT

**WHERE:** Richard Montgomery High School  
250 Richard Montgomery Drive  
Rockville, MD 20852



**Keynote Speaker:**  
Catherine E. Lhamon



*Counsel National Center for Youth Law, Former  
Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department  
of Education Washington, DC*

**Catherine E. Lhamon** is the Chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. President Obama appointed Lhamon to a six-year term on the Commission on December 15, 2016, and the Commission unanimously confirmed the President’s designation of Lhamon to chair the Commission on December 28, 2016. Lhamon also litigates civil rights cases at the National Center for Youth Law, where she has been Of Counsel since October 2017.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

***Parents and Principal Equity Partnerships:  
Culture, Accountability, & Curriculum***

**Audience:** Principals, MCPS Director; Parents’ Council Representatives

**Topic:** A discussion on effective approaches for Parents’ Council, PTA, and Principals to partner to create a culture of inclusion. Discussion focus topics include: 1) Partnering to implement the school Equity Accountability model; 2) Increasing diversity in the new Elementary and Middle school curriculum

***Building Cross Cultural Relationships, Student Agency, and Community in Schools***

**Audience:** Principals (MS & HS), Montgomery County Education Association (MCEA); MCPS Director

**Topic:** Discussion of relationships, student agency, restorative justice and implicit bias; examine the data on disparities in discipline; Understanding Community Circles; Dialogue with Restorative Justice Champions from several MCPS Schools.

***Your Voices Matter: Student Town Hall***

**Audience:** All

**Topic:** This town hall includes a discussion about students’ views on implicit biases in schools, needed changes to teaching practices, learning models, progressions, the school guidance system, and the normal, everyday interaction students of color routinely experience.