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Arts Integration Officer


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Dear Hyattsville Middle School Community:

Thank you for extending the invitation to attend the PTSA meeting held last week to hear parent concerns about the elimination of the Creative Writing courses as a fine arts major in the CPA. As stated during the meeting, Maryland State Department of Education does not recognize Creative Writing as a fine arts major. Hyattsville Middle School is the only school in Prince George's County that continues to offer this course of study as a fine arts major. Please note that multiple writing opportunities exist each quarter in our Reading English Language Arts curriculum and monthly through integrated literacy task offered in several content areas.

Based on the parent input and concerns shared during the PTSA meeting we have agreed to continue to offer the Creative Writing course as a major in the Creative and Performing Arts program for the 2017-2018 school year. Creative Writing will be offered as an elective course for subsequent school years. By following this structure, it allows us to ensure consistency across all of our CPA programs, comply with requirements established by Maryland State Department of Education and address the concerns of Hyattsville Middle School parents concerning proper notification of the change in course status. If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [john.ceschini@pgcps.org](mailto:john.ceschini@pgcps.org). Thank you again for sharing your concern for our Creative and Performing Arts Program.

Sincerely,



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