

PTA MEETING!

¡REUNIÓN DE LA ASOCIACIÓN DE PADRES Y
MAESTROS!

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October 6, 2026



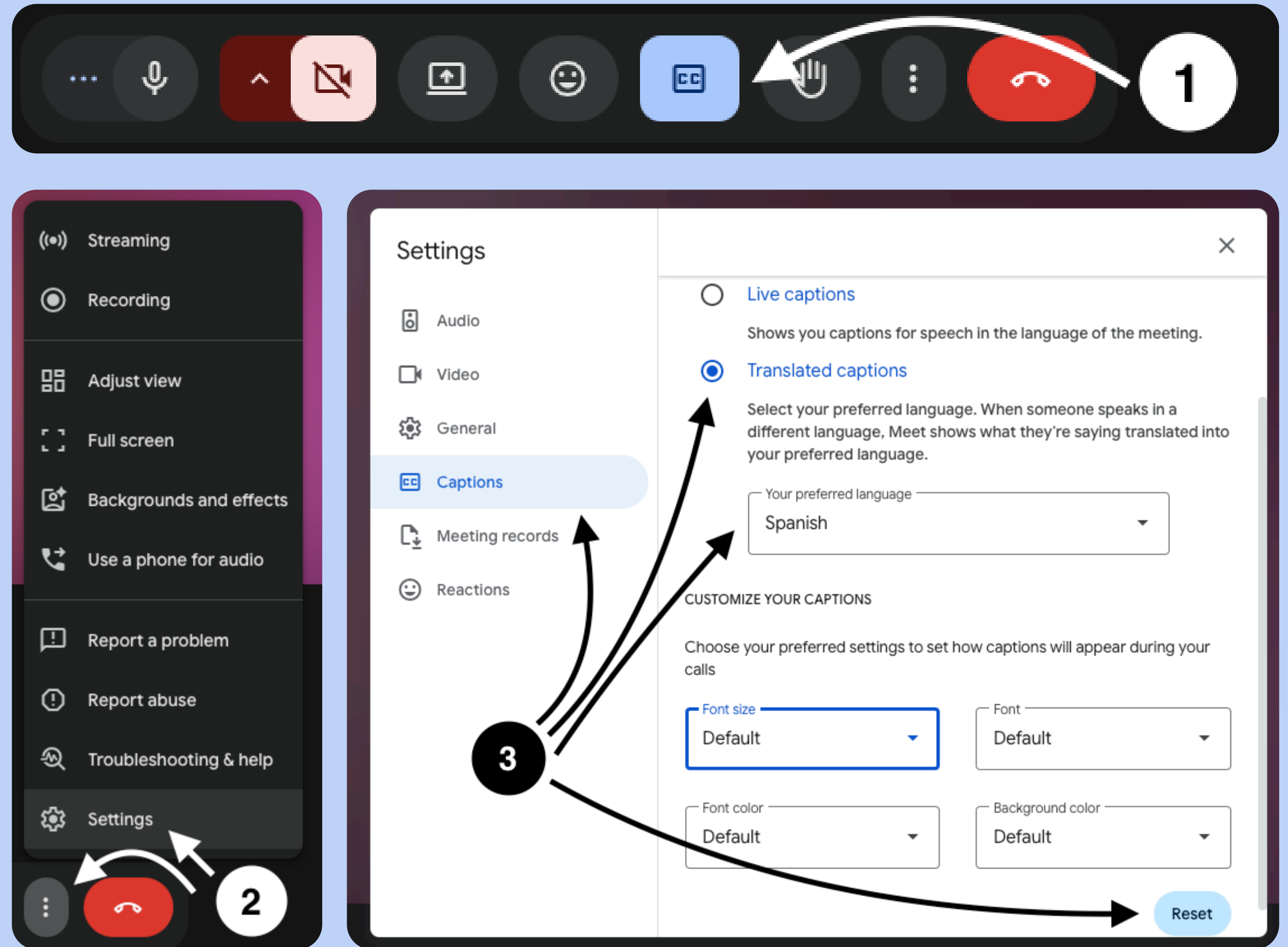
 **PINEY BRANCH ELEMENTARY
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

TURN ON AND CUSTOMIZE TRANSLATED CAPTIONS

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**PLEASE – MUTE YOUR
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IN ADVANCE!**

**POR FAVOR. SILENCIE SU MICRÓFONO.
¡GRACIAS DE ANTEMANO!**

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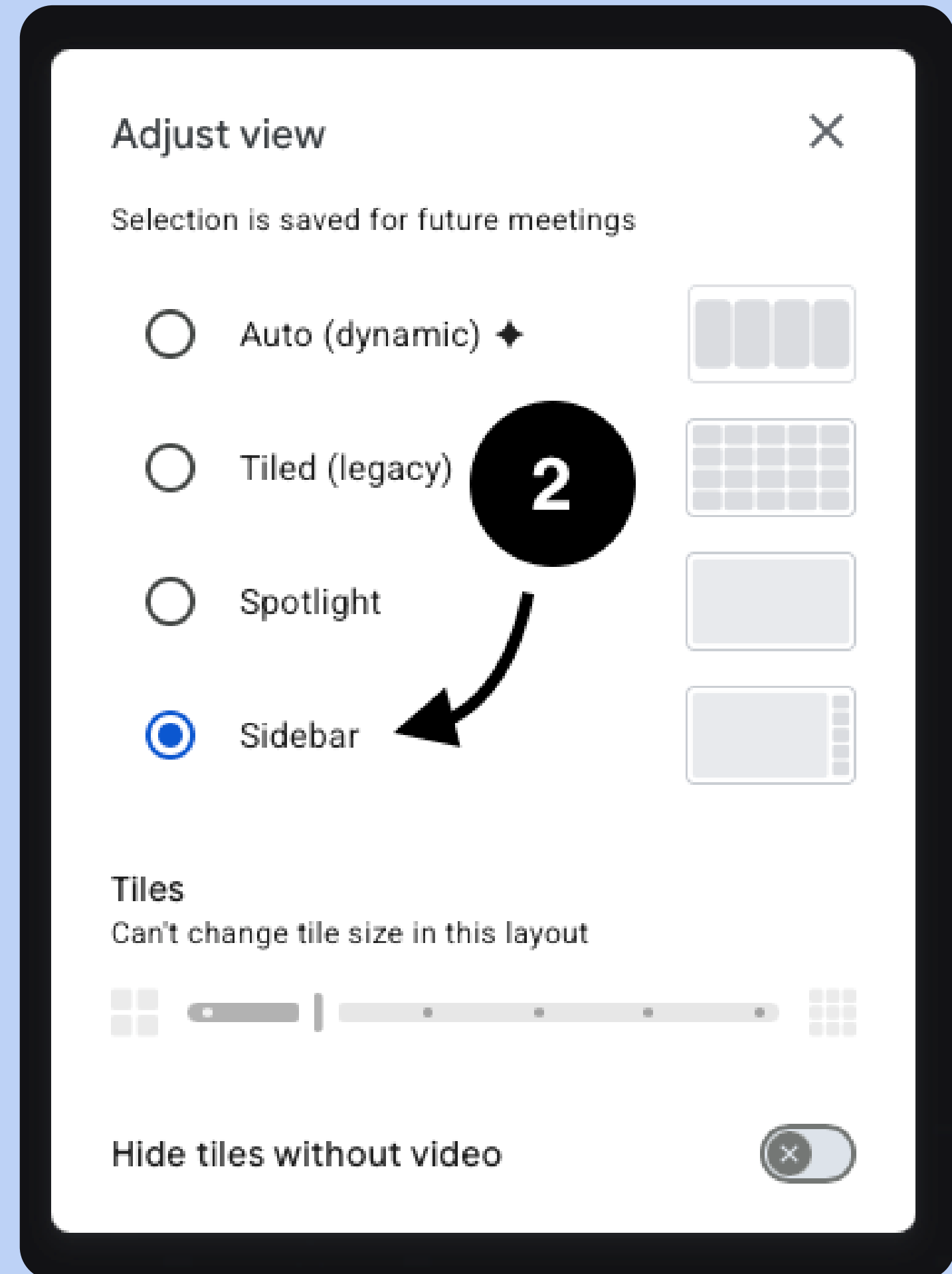
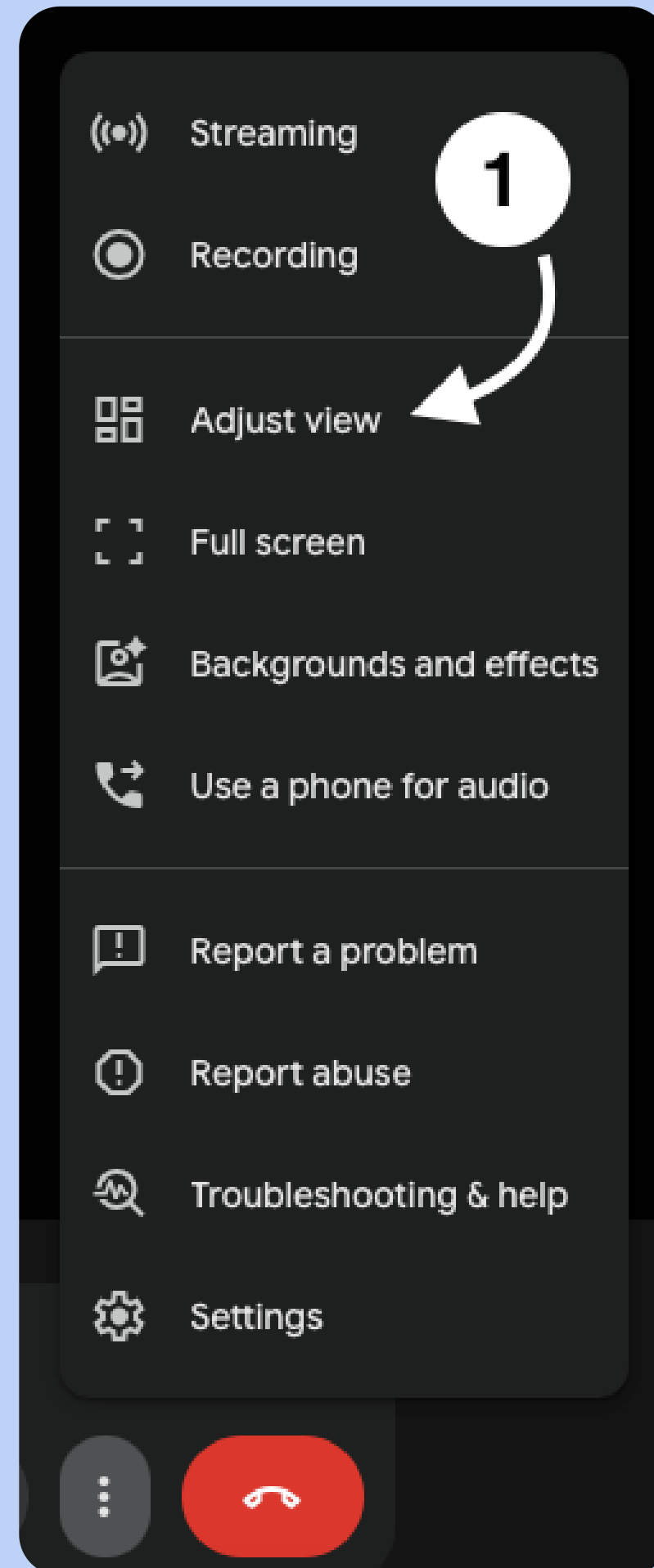


TURN ON "SIDEBAR" VIEW

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YES – SLIDES, VIDEO RECORDING &
TRANSCRIPT FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING
WILL ALL BE SHARED TOMORROW.

SÍ – LAS DIAPOSITIVAS, LA GRABACIÓN EN VÍDEO Y LA
TRANSCRIPCIÓN DE LA REUNIÓN DE ESTA NOCHE SE
COMPARTIRÁN MAÑANA.

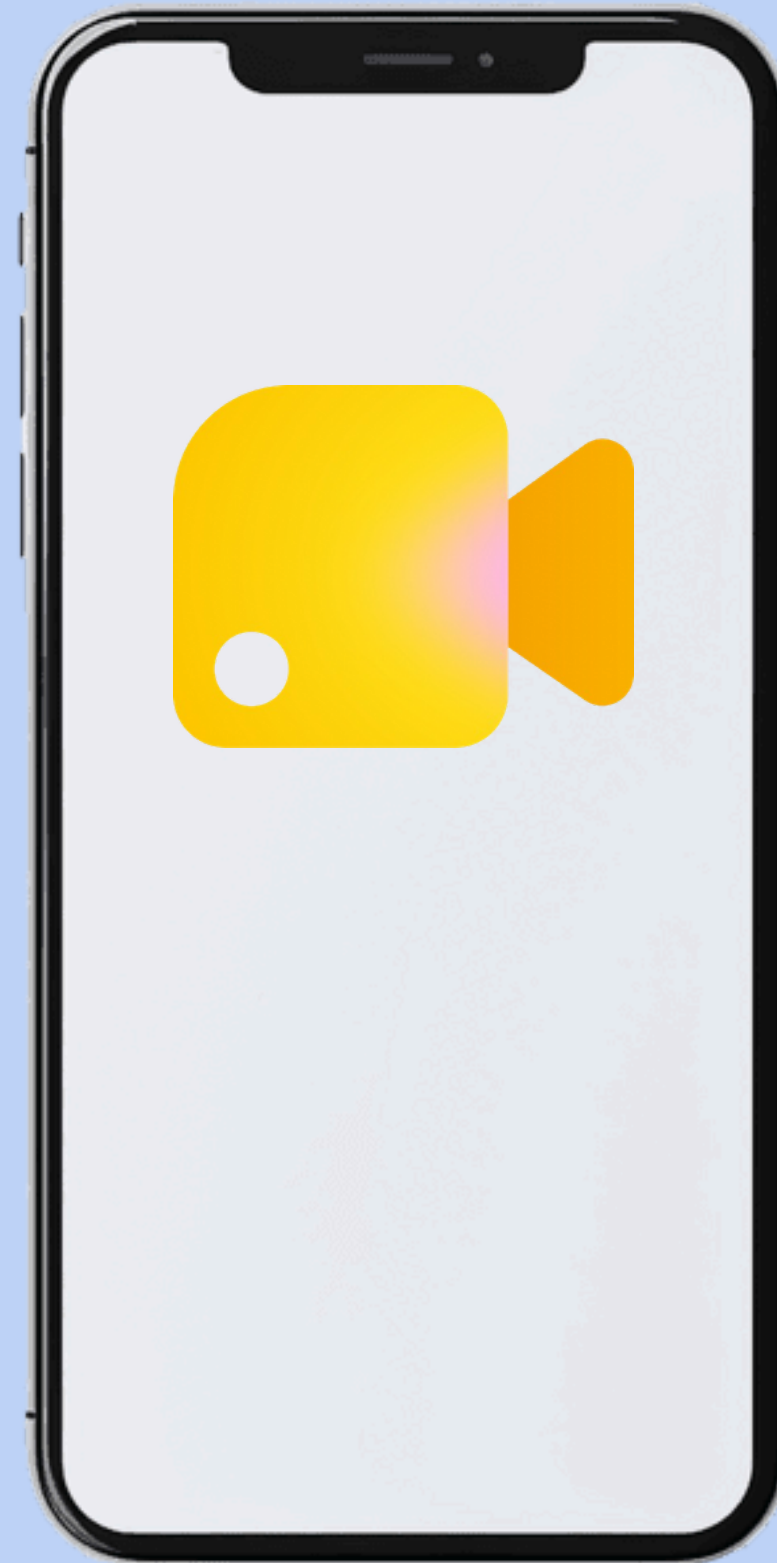
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OCTOBER 6 MEETING AGENDA

APPETIZERS

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What is the PTA?

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Block your calendar

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September achievements

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October calendar

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Giving calendars

5m

Budget reviews

ENTREE

~30m

Live screen + Chromebook discussion w/ school leaders

DESSERT

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PBES Rebuild Project:
Update, Status, and Q&A

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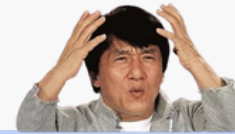
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WHAT IS THE PTA?



The PTA is a *volunteer-led* organization that **connects parents, teachers, and the school community.**

We work and raise funds in order to:

Meet needs *beyond school capacity*

Create connection for students & parents

Build a *strong, inclusive* community

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TPES & PBES JOINT PTA MEETINGS

**1st
Tuesdays**

Public Meetings | Google Meet ~~or in-person~~
Both PTA teams, school administrators & the public
8PM online, ~~6:30PM in-person~~

**Save the
dates**

Block your calendar for the rest of the year now.
Or just subscribe to the PTA calendar!
<https://tpespta.net/calendars/>

**Why all
virtual?**

<https://tpespta.net/virtual/>

**Want to meet
in-person?**

PTAs MeetUp | In-person
Both PTA teams & the public
8-10PM @ Motorkat

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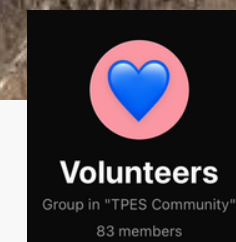
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TPES: SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION

DEBORAH PRESS, GARDEN CO-CHAIR / FOOD FOREST CHAIR

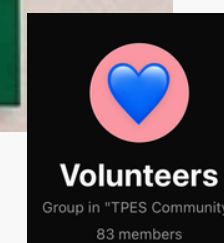


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TPES: INDOOR RECESS FUN

NAOMI GOHN, VP



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Indoor recess
Amazon wishlist

TPES:THE BIG READ

SARAH JANE MARCUS, LITERACY CHAIR & NAOMI GOHN, VP



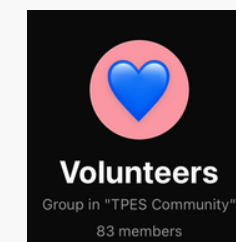
Thursday, 10/22, 6:00–7:30 PM

Takoma Park Middle School

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through books, stories,
and cozy fun—in English & Spanish! Pupusas + snacks served.

Read with us! Grown-ups can sign up to read to small groups.

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TPES SEPTEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS



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Launched Spanish & Amharic chat groups in WhatsApp Community

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Launched TPES PreK chat groups WhatsApp Community

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Hosted Back to School Social!

4

Launched fundraiser for Indoor Recess materials.

5

Kicked off afterschool activities

6

Picked up and delivered donated school supplies to TPES (thanks, Bridie!)

7

Hosted in-person meeting for MCPS to discuss proceeding with school garden projects

8

Purchased \$435 of outdoor recess equipment for the school

9

Hosted first monthly grocery assistance program of the year

10

Hosted 1st gardening day of the fall

11

Brought family feedback to school leaders and encouraged change

12

Filled teacher bathrooms with necessary supplies

13

Adjusted PTA communication cadence to minimize overwhelm

14

Helped organize Walk and Roll to School Day

15

Ordered vinyl TPES stickers as free item at PTA booth

16

Started organizing Book Fair for early next year

17

Organizing Big Read event later this month

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Shared important school reminders through Room Parents

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Funded multiple scholarships for after school activities

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The PTAs are your highest leverage option for putting dollars to good use at TPES & PBES. Be generous, whether it's with your time, your wallet or both. Let's help our schools make strides forward, together.



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PBES JULY – SEPTEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

-  Subsidized PBES teacher classroom set up
-  Bought lunch for all the teachers the week before school
-  Purchased a new filter for the fish tank
-  Launched a PBES WhatsApp Community
-  Updated school calendar with all 2026-2027 events and closures
-  Organized free on-site childcare for Back to School night (Sept. 17!)
-  Recruited Room Parents
-  Began work on organizing after-school activities and clubs
-  Met in-person at bank to transition ownership to new Executive Team
-  Expanded monthly food distribution program
- Planned Hispanic Heritage Month assembly
-  Sponsored dinner & childcare for ELD night (tomorrow!)

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

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4	OCT, SUN	● 9am – 12pm	👤 'Let's build a garden!' volunteer opportunity Takoma Park Elementary School
5	OCT, MON	● All day	🐾 PBES Picture Day
		● All day	👤 Spirit Week: Mad About Plaid Takoma Park Elementary School
6	OCT, TUE	● All day	👤 Spirit Week: Denim on Denim (30th Day of School) Takoma Park Elementary School
		● 8 – 9pm	👤 PTA Meeting (Virtual) https://meet.google.com/oxr-swye-nyv
7	OCT, WED	● All day	👤 Spirit Week: Pumpkin Patch (wear Orange & Brown) Takoma Park Elementary School
		● All day	👤🐾 Walk or Roll to School Day
		● 6:30 – 8pm	🐾 PBES English Language Development Night
8	OCT, THU	● All day	👤 Spirit Week: Silly Socks & Boots Takoma Park Elementary School
9	OCT, FRI	● All day	👤 Spirit Week: Favorite Sports Team (or Favorite Color) Takoma Park Elementary School
12	OCT, MON	● All day	🐾 PBES Open House
		● 9:05 – 11:15am	👤 TPES Open House Takoma Park Elementary School
16	OCT, FRI	● All day	❌ MCPS Closed* [Professional Development Day]
18	OCT, SUN	● 9am – 1pm	👤 'Let's build a garden!' volunteer opportunity Takoma Park Elementary School
21	OCT, WED	● All day	🐾 PBES 5th grade to Strathmore
		● All day	👤 Unity Day (wear Orange) Takoma Park Elementary School
22	OCT, THU	● 6 – 7:30pm	👤 The Big Read: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month Takoma Park Middle School (All Purpose Room), 7611 Piney Bran...
28	OCT, WED	● All day	👤 1st Grade Field Trip (Sharps Farm) Sharp's at Waterford Farm
29	OCT, THU	● All day	👤 2nd Grade Field Trip (Butler's Orchard) Butler's Orchard
30	OCT, FRI	● All day	👤 Harvest Festival / Word Parade Takoma Park Elementary School

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WHERE TPES HOPES YOU'LL PARTICIPATE FINANCIALLY THIS YEAR

SAMIR NEYAZI

PTA-wide giving

Membership dues, the Dolphin Drive, and the Readathon all go into one pool that funds books, events, equipment, and support for the whole school community — every student, every family.

RUNS THROUGH THE TPES PTA • TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

Room parent collections

Two separate, optional collections your classroom's room parent runs — for winter holiday and end-of-year gifts to your child's teacher and staff. This is **not** PTA money and doesn't fund anything above.

RUNS THROUGH YOUR CLASSROOM • PERSONAL GIFT

Your year at a glance



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coming soon . . .

PBES ANNUAL PANTHER APPEAL

Oct 26 – Dec 1

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1/3

of our **whole year's** fundraising
happens in these five weeks

YOUR GIFT KEEPS THESE GOING:



Lifeguards

Required for every
PBES swim unit



Teacher appreciation

Thanking the staff
who show up for our
our kids



Afterschool scholarships

So every Panther can
join a club

Any amount counts. Last day: **Tuesday, Dec 1 — Giving Tuesday** ❤️



Piney Branch Membership 2026-2027

Piney Branch Elementary PTA membership



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Access for All Panther Membership

\$0+

Pay What is Accessible for your family

Vote on where PTA funds should be spent

Gentle reminder email to renew your membership for next year.

Annual Panther Membership

\$25

Annual Membership for PBES PTA

Vote on the annual PTA budget

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\$25

Annual Membership for PBES PTA
with an [*auto renewal option*](#)

Vote on the annual PTA budget

Vote on where PTA funds should be
spent

No need to manually renew your
membership every single year.
Membership automatically cancels
when your children graduate from
PBES.

PBES Community Claw Membership

\$50

Membership for 5th grade families +
[Donate to the 5th grade trip fund](#)

Vote on the annual PTA budget

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No Renewal on Membership,
Join the Alumni Membership (details
soon!)



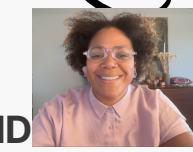
**VOLUNTEERING IS ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL.
ITS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE SOME OF THE ENERGY WE AS PARENTS BRING
TO PBES FOR GOOD!**

**IT'S ALSO A GREAT WAY TO MEET OTHER PARENTS FROM YOUR SCHOOL
&
TO BUILD A COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTS THE SCHOOL'S MISSION OF
"LEARNING, EMBRACING, CARING AND THRIVING"**



**Volunteering
and
Committees**

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ALL PAWS ON DECK!



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Advocacy

Committee to support:
County Policy updates
Curriculum updates
Special Services updates
Cluster changes
Renovation Plan/CIP impact

Communication

Committee to Support:
Language Justice
Website
Social Media
Whats app
Room Parent Coordination

Fundraising

Committee to support:
Bake sales
Book Fair
5th Grade Field Trip
Merch Sales
Read-a-thon
Sports Events



Volunteering and Committees

Membership

Committee to support:
Member signups
Member Engagement
New Parent to PBES onboarding
Nominating Committee

Equity

Committee to support
Equity, Resourcing, and
Social Services

Programming

Committee to support:
Stem Night
GeoBowl
Hispanic Heritage Night
Black History Month
Multicultural Arts Assemblies
Teacher/Staff Appreciation
Afterschool Clubs
5th grade promotion ceremony

HD



PBES BUDGET – UPDATE

PBES PTA October 2026 \$\$\$ Update						
	Annual Budg	FY Actual (July - September)	September only Actual	\$ Balance	% Remaining	Notes
INCOME						
Donations + Memberships	\$5,000	\$4,730	\$3,180	\$270	5%	
Fundraising	\$29,500	\$2,758	\$2,019	\$26,742	91%	Spirit Gear, 5th Grade Field Trip, Fall Panther Appeal
Business sponsorships	\$0	\$0		\$0		
Grants	\$2,500	\$2,000		\$500	20%	
Other				\$0		
TOTAL Income	\$37,000	\$9,488	\$5,199	\$27,512	74%	
EXPENSES						
	Annual Budget	FY Actual (July - September)	September only Actual	\$ Balance	% Remaining	Notes
Programming	\$13,400	\$0	\$0	\$13,400	100%	
Fundraising / Events	\$15,200	\$0	\$0	\$15,200	100%	
Staff support	\$4,500	\$433	\$298	\$4,067	90%	Classroom setup costs only
PTA operations	\$4,015	\$1,257	\$1,199	\$2,758	69%	Child Care for BTSN, Paypal fees
Non-Recurring	\$0	\$0		\$0	0%	
TOTAL Expenses	\$37,115	\$1,690	\$1,496	\$35,425	95%	

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Dan Barthmaier



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TPES TREASURERS REPORT

ROBERT AGUIRRE

	Jul 1 - Sep 30	FY to Sep 30	Budget FYE Jun 30, 2027
<u>INCOME</u>			
Membership	2,739	2,739	2,100
Dolphin Drive	0	0	13,500
Read-a-thon	0	0	15,000
Dolphin Gear and Others	567	567	1,800
Additional Fundraiser	0	0	5,000
TOTAL INCOME	3,306	3,306	37,400
	0		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS/REIMBURSEMENTS</u>			
Drive/Event	0	0	2,200
Outreach & Social Events	1,239	1,239	9,100
PTA Administrative	62	62	5,000
School Programs	578	578	15,800
Staff Support	5,728	5,728	15,300
TOTAL DISBURSED	7,608	7,608	47,400
Bank balance as of 10/01/2026	15,807		
Outstanding Checks	333		
Bank balance minus checks	15,474		

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LET'S TALK TECHNOLOGY, SCREENS & CHROMEBOOKS!

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Diana
Hayden
Principal

Kelly
Dunston
**Vice
Principal**

Christine
Oberdorf
Principal

Richard
Weerts
**Vice
Principal**



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QUESTIONS FROM LAST TIME



Diana
Hayden
Principal



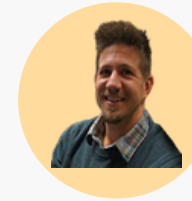
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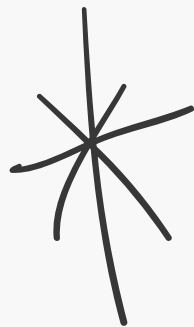
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- **What specific changes** are TPES & PBES planning to make to reduce screen time in classrooms?
- What **exactly** does "computer use" look like at the Kindergarten level? Are students able to play any games they want (non-educational)?
- Have there been **discussions** among school staff regarding the impact of screen use on students?
- Have the schools issued any **guidance** to teachers around limiting screen use?
- I've heard that the elementary school curriculum does not require Chromebook use—**can parents request no Chromebook use by default?**
- Are there discussions happening about how to address the danger of **Chromebooks without security controls** being used at TPES and PBES?



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Q&A

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Ask your PTA Meeting questions ahead of time | Haz tus preguntas para la reunión de la PTA con anticipación | የ PTA ስብሰባ ጥያቄዎችን አስቀድመው ይጠይቁ

These meetings are for you, so we'll host a Q&A section every meeting to address your most important questions. **Please ask questions that require a thorough answer and should be answered live, not a question that has a "yes/no" answer.**

Estas reuniones son para ustedes, por lo que incluiremos una sección de preguntas y respuestas en cada una para abordar sus dudas más importantes. **Por favor, formulen preguntas que requieran una respuesta detallada y que deban ser respondidas en directo, no preguntas con una respuesta de "sí" o "no".**

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* Indicates required question

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+ Ask a question

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October 2026

PBES Rebuild Project: Update, Status, and Q&A

By Tom Hackman, PBES PTA
Delegate to County PTA



■ The Need for Renovation

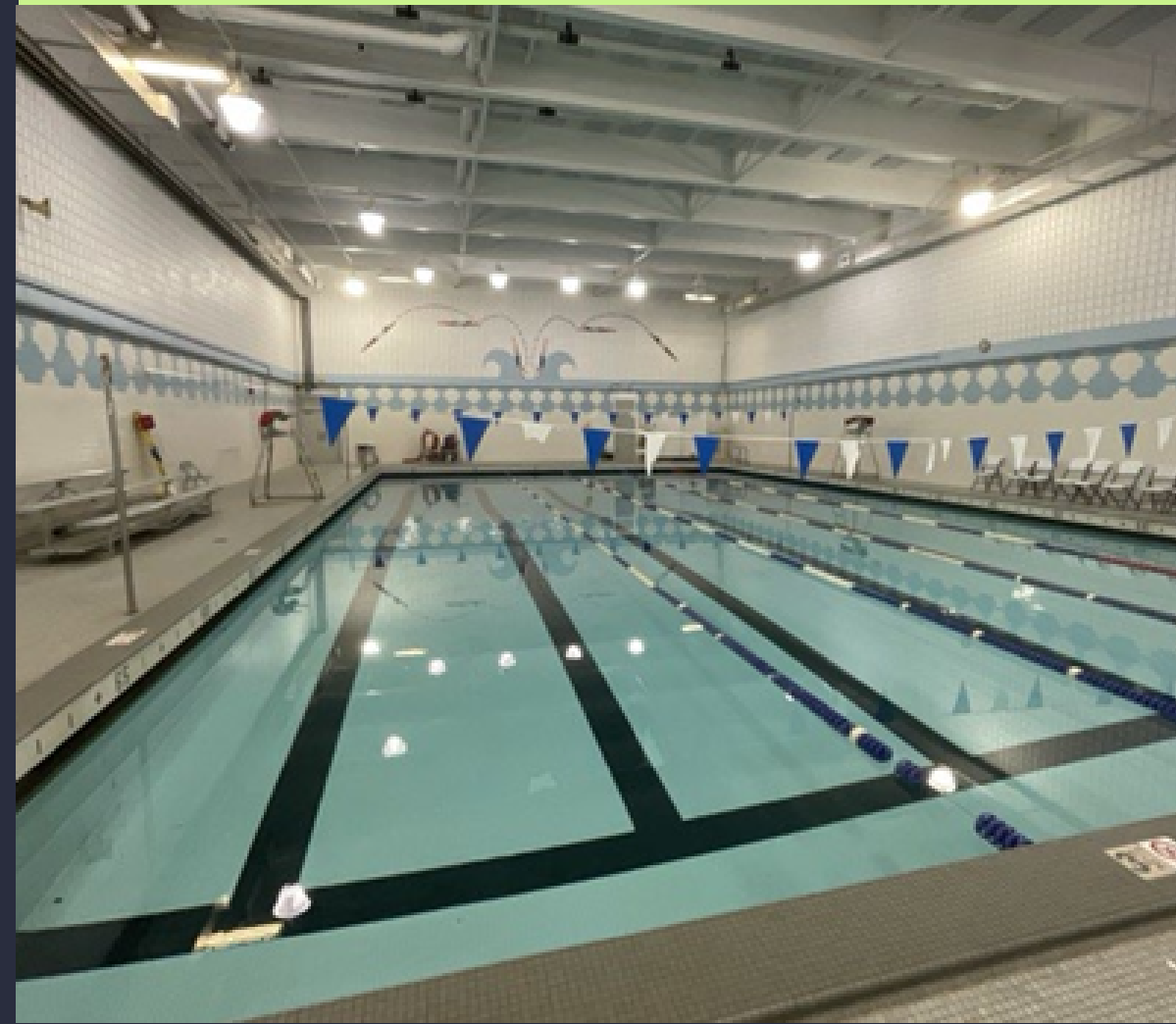
- PBES building is in bad shape. Ranked 2nd worst in the county.
- Big problems with roof, HVAC, plumbing, accessibility, security, and more!
- Not good for learning.
- Rebuild needed, before building fails. PBES would move to holding school for two years.

Renovation will address these issues:

- Safer Drop-off / Pick-up
- Safer Pedestrian Site Circulation
- More Parking / Accessible Parking
- More Secure Entrance
- Accessible Access to Playground
- Accessible Access Throughout
- Clear Circulation Inside School
- Natural Light in All Classrooms
- Classrooms Per Ed Spec
- Library as Heart of the School
- New Efficient Building Systems
- New Efficient Pipes
- Per Code / Regulations
- New Windows / Doors / Roof
- Maintain Access to a Pool
- Update Pool Equipment

■ Last Year: Project Delayed

- MCPS initially proposed funding the rebuild starting in 2029 with completion in 2031, but not funded in approved county plan due to funding cuts.
- Approved MCPS 2027–2032 plan has only planning funding for PBES, **no** construction funding. No realistic start date.



■ This Year and Next Year:

- Advocacy by TKPK Community to fund rebuild with nearby holding school. ***We want help!***
- This is a quiet “off year” for the MCPS capital plan.
- Next year: advocacy to get PBES funded. Tell MoCo we care!
- Monitor MCPS schools closure and boundary studies process.



Advocacy plan: Get our message to the right county leaders at the right time.

Our advocacy to fund the rebuild will be aimed at the Superintendent, Board of Education, County Executive, and County Council.

County Capital Plan Budget Process:

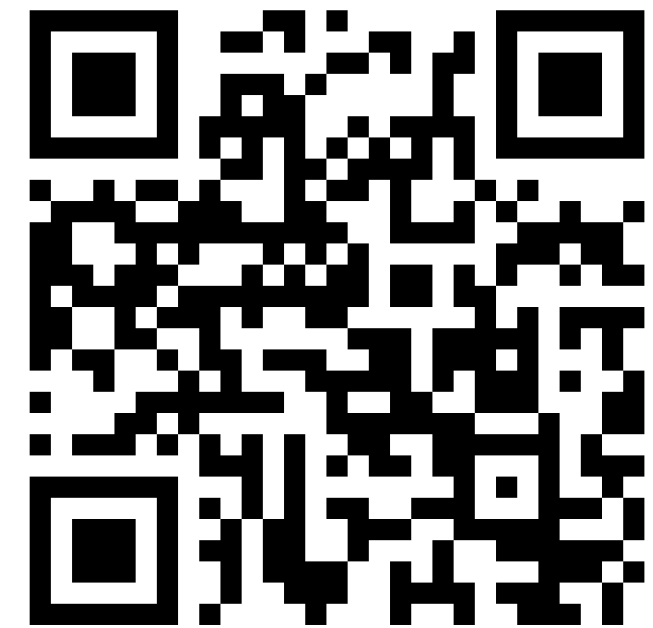


THANK YOU

Help shape TPES & PBES PTA meetings

Tell us honestly what you get out of PTA meetings and what we should skip!

We want everyone to get a lot out of these, not leave you wondering why you missed your kids' bedtime for it.



<https://tinyurl.com/tpes-pbes-pta-meeting-feedback>

LINKS

TPES Membership

<http://tpespta.net/members>

TPES Donate

<https://tpespta.net/donate/>

TPES Volunteer

<https://tinyurl.com/tpes-pta-volunteer>

PBES Membership

<https://pineybranchpta.membershiptoolkit.com/login-form>

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