

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

April 15, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Perfect Attendance Awards (CSEC-03-11-20-02)

Question

Mrs. Smondrowski talked about how important the Perfect Attendance Award is for some parents and students, therefore she asked the Office of Student and Family Support and Engagement if the absences due to coronavirus will affect students' perfect attendance.

Response

A statewide committee has been convened to determine how to address student attendance while managing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Ruschelle Reuben, associate superintendent for student and family support and engagement, Office of the Chief Academic Officer, is Montgomery County Public Schools' representative on the statewide committee.

At this time, it is expected that each Maryland district ultimately will make decisions about student attendance based on its individual needs. Currently, we are awaiting guidance regarding protocols for student daily attendance. Furthermore, we are revisiting the concept of how we reward student attendance in light of the COVID-19 public health crisis. We will provide the Board of Education with an update when details are available.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Reuben, at 240-740-5624.

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