

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

October 28, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education  
From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools  
Subject: Preschool Education Program Services (SPC-08-27-20-01)

**Question**

During the discussion about services for autism spectrum disorders with Mrs. Kristin M. Secan, Dr. Docca asked to be able to view how MCPS is conducting the Preschool Education Program (PEP), occupational therapists, physical therapists, and speech programs, if this request is not an invasion of privacy of parents and students and to be able to view the online training for new teachers in this area.

**Response**

Staff in the Division of Prekindergarten, Special Programs, and Related Services (DPSPRS), Department of Special Education Services, will arrange a schedule for Dr. Judith R. Docca, Board member, to observe virtual PEP class sessions and virtual sessions taught by a speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist, and physical therapist. Once dates are identified for the observations, Mrs. Amy S. Cropp, director, DPSPRS, will secure parent/guardian permissions.

Montgomery County Public Schools offers professional development for new PEP teachers online via a Google site. Dr. Docca is most welcome to access the site at the following link: [\*Prekindergarten Special Education Virtual Professional Development.\*](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Janet S. Wilson, chief of teaching, learning, and schools, via e-mail.

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