

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

September 9, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Monifa B. McKnight, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Reading Intervention (07-15-2021-03-A-B-C-D)

During the *Accountability: Mitigating Learning Disruption Through Schoolwide Reading Intervention* discussion, Board members requested the following:

Question A

Mrs. Smondrowski requested information regarding the cost of this program.

Response A

The cost for the 2020–2021 school year (one school, East Silver Spring Elementary School) was:

MCPS: \$92,500
Rales Foundation contribution: \$92,500

The cost for the 2021–2022 school year (8 schools and learning center) will be:

MCPS: \$1,580,000
Rales Foundation contribution: \$200,000

Question B

Ms. Harris requested information regarding the grant used for the Lavinia Group project and how long will it last. Also, at what point would the school system need to take on the investment of this program as part of its overall budget?

Response B

The current amendment is for this school year, 2021–2022. The agreement allows for an amendment based on agreement from both parties.

Question C

Ms. Harris requested information regarding how the participating schools were selected. Also, what was the criteria used to choose the schools that will go forward with the program during the 2021–2022 school year?

Response C

The Office of School Support and Improvement area associate superintendents and directors selected schools that could benefit from targeted support for instructional planning and the use of data analysis to support students' growth in Elementary Language Arts. Principals of these selected elementary schools were introduced to the program by attending a meeting where The Lavinia Group shared their current work in Montgomery County Public Schools and in other schools. Principals were given voice as to how or if they would agree to their school's participation. Principals collaborated with The Lavinia Group to identify grade-level participation where the identified grade-level implementation varies from school to school.

Question D

Mrs. Harris requested information regarding the level of funding provided for this program by the Rales Foundation.

Response D

See response to question A.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Stacy Gray, executive director, Office of Teaching, Learning, and Schools, at 240-740-1625 or via email.

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