

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

April 6, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Monifa B. McKnight, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Operating Budget Work Session #4 Follow-ups (02-14-2022-02-B, C)

During the *Proposed Amendments to the Interim Superintendent's Recommended FY 2023 Operating Budget* discussion, Board members requested the following information:

**Question B**

Ms. O'Looney requested that staff provide an update regarding the technology needs for the Humanities/Media program at Martin Luther King Jr., Middle School.

**Response**

The Office of Technology and Innovation deployed a team to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Middle School on two occasions to perform a number of steps in the existing Mac lab to attempt to address the issues where the Humanities Media team operates.

After reviewing the list of issues, the team determined the best course of action was to update the operating system on the computers in the lab to the latest version supported for the devices. This update resolved a number of issues, including making the Macs in this lab supportable by our enterprise management tools. This will help keep them up to date and mitigate future issues due to a lack of enterprise management.

The team feels confident that the Mac lab will remain operational with these updates. The team and Ms. Kristine Spurling, school magnet coordinator, continue to monitor the lab.

**Question C**

Mrs. Smondrowski requested information regarding how Alternative Programs are incorporated into the Virtual Academy.

**Response**

Alternative Programs are separate from the Virtual Academy. Alternative Programs accept students based on a set of criteria. Students remain enrolled in that program based on established requirements, then return to their home school. The Virtual Academy works in partnership with alternative programs. Students in alternative programs may choose to enroll in the Virtual Academy instead of returning to in-person learning at their home school.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Peter Cevenini, associate superintendent of technology and innovation, or Dr. Kara B. Trenkamp, director of technology integration and support, Office of Technology and Innovation, via e-mail.

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