

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

April 27, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Monifa B. McKnight, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Security Staff Training and Data for Encounters between Students and Law Enforcement (02-24-2022-01-A, -B)

During the *Tentative Adoption of the Interim Superintendent's Recommended Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget* discussion, Board members requested the following information:

Question A

Ms. Wolff requested data regarding the student voices that were part of the discussions surrounding training development for staff, especially security staff: Were student groups who would otherwise be excluded considered, i.e. Special Education, etc.?

Response A

The Department of Systemwide Safety and Emergency Management (DSSEM) has not engaged with any students regarding the type of safety and security training that is provided to school security staff. All public-school safety and security staff as well as School Resource Officers (SRO) are required to take the Maryland Center for School Safety 40-hour specialized SRO training curriculum. This training has been provided and new security staff also will take the required training.

In addition, the DSSEM holds back-to-school and mid-year training for school security staff that includes a variety of job-related topics.

Question B

Ms. Wolff requested information regarding the person who is keeping track of the data for MCPS regarding encounters between MCPS students and law enforcement. Ms. Wolff is not confident about the data that the police department is keeping.

Response B

DSSEM staff does not track encounters between students and law enforcement. MCPS and all local school systems are required to report arrest data to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) on an annual basis. DSSEM staff enters the student arrest information received from Montgomery County Police Department. Once the data has been entered in the MSDE spreadsheet, it is forwarded to the Office of Shared Accountability to be uploaded to MSDE.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Mr. Edward A. Clarke, chief safety officer, via email.

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