

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

June 15, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Monifa B. McKnight, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Digital Learning and Innovation—Extracurricular Activities (04-07-2022-02-B)

Question

During the *Digital Learning and Innovation* discussion, Board members requested the following information; Ms. Harris requested information regarding the number of students who participate in extracurricular activities at their home schools. Are they perceiving barriers to participating in afterschool activities or not?

Response

The Student Leadership and Extracurricular Activities office collaborated with the Systemwide Athletics office and the Montgomery Virtual Academy for a review of the overall extracurricular program. Students, regardless of their enrollment in the Montgomery Virtual Academy, could register to participate in athletics and non-athletic extracurricular activities with their home school. There were 60 of the total 1,450 Montgomery Virtual Academy students identified as participating in an extracurricular activity at their home school.

The Montgomery Virtual Academy received funding to provide their own extracurricular program for the second semester of the school year. The academy administration worked with students and staff to evaluate the interests and provide the staffing and experiences reflected in the survey results. As a result, the staff were able to establish nine clubs that were held during the virtual café hour, ranging from yoga to art and MOCO Pride club to coding. A [website](#) was created to provide students information about each club and for gaining access to the meetings on the MCPS Zoom platform.

The Montgomery Virtual Academy has received full funding for the 2022–2023 school year to provide any and all non-athletic extracurricular activities. Montgomery Virtual Academy students interested in participating in the athletics program will participate through their home

school. We look forward to supporting the Montgomery Virtual Academy with continuing to build these virtual experiences for students as well as supporting student in-person participation at their home school.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Shella Cherry, director of student leadership and extracurricular activities, Office of Teaching, Learning, and Schools, via e-mail.

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