

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

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: House Bill 0423: Election Law-Voter Registration-High Schools (02-12-19-04)

Question

During the Items of Legislation discussion for HB0423: Election Law – Voter Registration – High Schools, Dr. Navarro stated that staff will provide the Board with more information regarding the SGA stipend and the functions of the staffer who functions as the SGA advisor, to assist the Board members with making a decision regarding the bill.

Response

The position description and responsibilities of the high school Student Government Association (SGA) sponsor are outlined in the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) [Extracurricular Activities Program handbook](#), which is published annually and is available on the MCPS website. The negotiated agreement between the Montgomery County Education Association and the Board of Education of Montgomery County stipulates an annual stipend of \$4,050 for the SGA sponsor.

Specific roles and responsibilities of the SGA sponsor are excerpted from the handbook. Please note that the description states that “there is no standard list of activities which are or should be sponsored by the SGA.” However, it is common for high school SGA sponsors to be engaged in voter registration efforts in some capacity.

For example, SGA advisors and their student leaders often collaborate with the Montgomery County Board of Elections, the Board of Elections Future Vote Program, and other voter registration agencies such as the League of Women Voters. Representatives from these organizations may visit schools during student lunch periods to share information and provide onsite registration support for students. In fall 2018, student leaders from the Montgomery County Region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils and Students for Change worked directly with the Montgomery County Board of Elections Future Vote Program staff to support schools in hosting a voter registration drive.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Maria V. Navarro, chief academic officer, at 240-740-3040.

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