

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

February 9, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Monifa B. McKnight, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Operating Budget Hearing, Follow-up (01-18-2022-02-A, -B)

During the Operating Budget Hearing, Board members requested the following information:

Question A

Ms. Silvestre requested that staff incorporate the oversight suggestions mentioned in Ms. Gluck's testimony into the curriculum discussion that was deferred to the February 8, 2022, Board meeting. (Testimony attached for reference)

Question A Response

The Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs (OCIP) works to develop, select, train and support schools with the implementation of curriculum and assessments. OCIP offers professional learning, coaching, and support to schools on a weekly basis. Throughout the past five years, OCIP has designed and implemented hundreds of programs that span all levels and serve a vast number of students and their interests; including Language Immersion, Center Programs, Magnet Programs, specialized curriculum, and hundreds of career related programs. The implementation of such work requires a significant amount of planning and coordination with other offices, schools and external partners. We are working collaboratively with our colleagues in the Offices of Teaching, Learning, and Schools and Shared Accountability to determine how best to provide oversight and monitor for consistency of implementation and overall effectiveness. Additionally, we are excited that Board Member Scott Joftus has invited OCIP leaders to meet with him to hear his recommendations for monitoring curriculum and program implementation beyond testing measures.

Question B

Ms. Wolff reiterated her request to have an update on the impact of the funds from Blueprint for Maryland's Future on the school system's budget. Also include an update on the funds received from the ESSER grants as well.

Question B Response

Updates on the impact of the funds from the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, as well as the funds received from the ESSER grants will be presented during the budget work session on February 14, 2022.

If you have further questions regarding curriculum oversight, please contact Mrs. Niki T. Hazel, associate superintendent of curriculum and instructional programs via email. Questions regarding the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, should be directed to Ms. Janine G. Bacquie, coordinator, Office of the Chief of Staff, via email.

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