MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Monifa B. Mc Knight, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Enrollment (12-06-2022-03-B, -D)

During the Overview of the Superintendent’s Recommended Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget presentation, Board members requested the following information:

Question B:

Ms. Harris requested information regarding the number of students returning to the school system versus the Pre-COVID enrollment numbers.

Response B:

Prior to the pandemic, enrollment was trending upward peaking at 165,267 students for school year 2019–2020.

During school year 2020–2021, a partial virtual learning year due to COVID-19, enrollment trends included:

• An increase in the number of students withdrawing and opting for homeschooling
• An increase in the number of students withdrawing and opting for private schooling
• A decrease in the number of students enrolling in international schools

During school year 2021–2022, a full in-person learning year, enrollment trends included:

• An increase in the number of students enrolling in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) from homeschooling of approximately 1,000 students
• An increase in the number of students enrolling in private schools of approximately 410 students
• An increase in the number of students enrolling in MCPS from international schools of more than 3,000 students
• An increase in the number of students withdrawing and attending another public school district in the state of Maryland of almost 1500 students
• An increase in the number of students withdrawing from MCPS as either a dropout due to a variety of reasons or as their whereabouts were unknown.

Question D:

Ms. Silvestre requested data regarding where the additional students are coming from: Are they (students) from an overall enrollment bump from students returning to the system after leaving during the height of the COVID pandemic in 2020/2021, or are these enrollment numbers increasing from a boost in international students/Newcomers?

Response D:

The following chart indicates the number of students who were enrolled in MCPS with an enrollment code of 18, transfer in from another country.

- Of the years noted, students transferring internationally peaked in fiscal year (FY) 2020, dramatically plummeted in FY 2021 during the pandemic and have increased in FY 2022 and FY 2023.
- Overall district enrollment is continuing to increase post-pandemic with the current unofficial enrollment as of December 31, 2022, at 161,836 students.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Stephanie S. Sheron, chief of strategic initiatives, via email.

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