

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

July 13, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Monifa B. McKnight, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Subject: College and Career Readiness, Graduation Rates, and Strategic Planning Updates (STPC-05-17-2022-01-B, -C, -D)

During the *MCPS Strategic Plan FY 2022–2025: College and Career Readiness, Graduation Rates, and Strategic Planning Updates* discussion, Committee members requested the following information:

**Question B**

Ms. Silvestre requested information regarding any percentages for utilizations at the different levels as noted in the presentation, or are they still being weighed down by the effects of the pandemic?

**Response B**

We agreed that the impact of COVID-19 may be suppressing some data as we move through recovery.

**Question C**

Ms. Silvestre requested information regarding the assessment exemptions that were in place during the height of the pandemic. Will they (exemptions) be continued, or if assessments, as well as others, will be coming back since many jurisdictions are “getting back to normal.”

**Response C**

Assessment exemptions from the Maryland State Department of Education took place during the 2020–2021 school year. This included Montgomery County Assessment Program (MCAP) Mathematics and English Language Arts, Science, and Government assessments. Students took a condensed version in the fall of the Mathematics and English Language Arts assessments when they returned for the 2021–2022 school year. Currently all state assessments have returned to pre-pandemic status and students were expected to take the assessments this past spring.

The MCAP Mathematics and English Language Arts assessments count toward College and Career Ready, however Science and Government are participation only for at least one more year.

**Question D**

Ms. Silvestre noted that ideally the system should want all students to graduate with a post-secondary plan, and that should include non-college options. How early would we need to start this planning?

**Response D**

The Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs and the Office of Strategic Initiatives will develop a postsecondary plan in early fall 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ruschelle Reuben, chief of school support and well-being, via email.

MBM:RR:ecr

Copy to:  
Executive Staff  
Ms. Webb