

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: Monique T. Felder, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Public Comments Discussion

During the December 5, 2023, discussion regarding agenda item 6.0, *Public Comments*, Board members requested the following information.

**Question**

When the Pre-K expansion plan is shared with AIM, please also share it with the full Board.

**Response**

In the 2024–2025 school year, the Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) expansion plan will be shared with the Board of Education (Board) through a memorandum, as has been the practice for the past two years. A preliminary long-range Pre-K expansion plan currently is being developed in collaboration and coordination with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) early care partners; Early Childhood Services (ECS) within Montgomery County’s Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the newly established Children’s Opportunity Alliance (COA). The long-range plan will be shared with the Board prior to sharing with schools and organizations. We expect to bring this long-range plan to the Board in late spring.

**Question**

Please share with AIM the work that was being done before the Blueprint requirement. Mrs. Evans would like the system to show that the expansion work had already started before the passage of the Blueprint legislation.

**Response**

On January 9, 2024, staff in the Office of the Chief Academic Officer met with the Action in Montgomery (AIM) team to hear their requests for universal Pre-K and offer to support a mixed delivery model for Pre-K. During that meeting, the MCPS team provided some Pre-K program history and recommended a follow-up meeting with MCPS’ early care partners; ECS within Montgomery County’s DHHS and the newly established COA. The MCPS team will debrief this month and schedule a follow-up meeting to include the early care partners ECS, COA, and AIM.

If you have further questions, please contact Dr. Peggy A. Pugh, chief academic officer, or Ms. Niki T. Hazel, associate superintendent of curriculum and instructional programs, via email.

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