

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

August 23, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education  
From: Monifa B. McKnight, Superintendent of Schools  
Subject: Public Comments Discussion

During the *Public Comments* discussion on May 25, 2023, Ms. Yang requested the following information.

**Question**

Please provide an update regarding the tennis courts and portables at Einstein High School.

**Response**

In response to Ms. Yang's concern regarding the tennis courts and portables at Albert Einstein High School, it was communicated to families that the school was not losing all of its tennis courts but rather just one of the three. The portables are installed, cleaned, furnished, and ready for use. Students will not need to leave campus for practices or play, as we also may use the four tennis courts at Newport Mill Middle School, a shared property with Albert Einstein High School. While not ideal, we can function with six of the seven courts we previously had.

**Question**

Please provide an update regarding the issues raised in Edith Yang's testimony regarding the mental health of students in enrichment programs.

**Response**

In response to Ms. Yang's concerns about student mental health in the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Magnet Programs, a meeting will be scheduled with the Accelerated and Enrichment Instruction unit in the Department of Curriculum and Instructional Programs. We will discuss opportunities for additional mental health support for students receiving enrichment support across MCPS. The meeting will include staff from the offices of Curriculum and Instructional Programs and Well-being, Learning, and Achievement (i.e. counselors, psychologists, and social workers). In addition, the Division of Psychological Services is coordinating a multi-agency stakeholder group with Montgomery Blair High School student Viveka Sinha on the mental health of students in the Asian community. The work in this stakeholder group will include support

for our annual Mental Health Awareness Week, which will be held during the last week of October 2023. A future memorandum will provide more information about Mental Health Awareness Week.

If you have any questions regarding the tennis courts and portables at Albert Einstein High School, please contact Dr. Joe L. Rubens Jr, director of school support and well-being, via email. Should you have questions regarding student mental health, please contact Mr. Damon A. Monteleone, associate superintendent of well-being, learning, and achievement, via email.

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