

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

July 24, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: New Positions in the Office of Special Education to Support Schools
(06-24-19-01-B)

During the *Update on Collaborative and Coordinated Supports to Schools*, Mrs. Smondrowski requested the following information:

Question B

Board members receive a copy of the list of new staff positions coming to the Special Education office in the four areas as noted by Mr. Lowndes and Dr. Smith.

Response

The new staff member positions in the Office of Special Education to support schools and programs follow.

- 9.0 Full-time Equivalent (FTE) social worker positions (8.0 FTE positions in Social Emotional Special Education Services);
- 8.25 FTE speech language pathologist positions;
- 1.0 FTE psychologist position (0.5 FTE at Carl Sandburg Learning Center, 0.5 FTE in the Autism Unit);
- 0.5 FTE guidance counselor position, John L. Gildner Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents;
- 1.0 FTE resource teacher position (restorative justice mindfulness specialist, Office of Student Family Support and Engagement), with a specific focus on developing student mindfulness to promote self-regulatory responses to stress, at the following schools: Benjamin Banneker, Briggs Chaney, Eastern, Gaithersburg, and Newport Mill middle schools; and Montgomery Blair, Albert Einstein, Gaithersburg, Northwood, Paint Branch, and Springbrook high schools
- 1.0 FTE instructional specialist position, Autism Spectrum Disorders Services, with a specific focus on providing Autism consultations and direct support to schools;

- 1.0 FTE instructional specialist position, Department of Special Education Services, with a specific focus on providing behavioral supports;
- 1.0 FTE instructional specialist position, Department of Special Education Services, with a specific focus on providing supports to Resource Teachers in Special Education and special education teachers new to their position or new to Montgomery County Public Schools.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Kevin E. Lowndes, associate superintendent for special education, Office of the chief Academic Officer, at 240-740-3041.

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