

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

October 16, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Appeals Processed Regarding Child Care Needs (PMC-09-12-19-01)

Question

During the discussion on Policy JEE, *Student Transfers*, Mr. Tinbrite requested information regarding the number of appeals that have been processed regarding child care needs and how many are actually approved. (3 years of data).

Response

Please note that only two years of data are available with this level of specificity. The 2018–2019 school year was the first year that Change of School Assignment (COSA) decisions began to be categorized by the specific reason for the request. Prior, all hardship requests were classified under a single category. The following table shares child care COSA decision information from the 2018–2019 and 2019–2020 school years.

School Year	Total COSA Requests Related to Child Care	Number of COSAs Approved for Documented Financial Needs	Number of COSAs Approved for Documented Work Hour Issues	Number of COSAs Denied Due to No Unique Hardship Documented	Percentage of Child Care COSAs Approved
2018–2019	636	179	279	178	72 percent
2019–2020	500	130	227	143	71 percent

Because younger siblings automatically are approved for a COSA if their older sibling previously received an approved COSA, the number of students on actual child care COSAs would be significantly greater than those identified through the specific child care category in the Online Administrative Student Information System. For example, 415 sibling exemptions were approved

for the 2018–2019 school year, and 361 have been approved, to date, for the 2019–2020 school year. Not all of those approvals, however, were for older siblings who previously received child care hardship approvals.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ruschelle Reuben, associate superintendent for student and family support and engagement, Office of the Chief Academic Officer, at 240-740-5624.

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