

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

September 26, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Active Assailant Drills (08-30-18-01)

Ms. Ortman-Fouse requested the following information regarding active assailant drills:

Question A

Please provide information regarding the plans to hold active assailant drills in our schools.

Response

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is planning for active assailant drills in all schools this school year. Most recently, high school principals received part two of a two-part training on active assailant protocols. The next step will be to schedule and conduct active assailant drills in all MCPS high schools.

Middle and elementary school principals will receive their second training on active assailant protocols on October 19, 2018. Subsequently they will begin their active assailant drills following staff and student training. These trainings and drills are being coordinated with the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) and the MCPS Department of School Safety and Security.

Question B

Please provide information regarding the steps taken to ensure that all MCPS schools will conduct active assailant drills.

Response

All MCPS schools will conduct active assailant drills this school year. To prepare for these drills, all principals were trained in August 2018 on active assailant protocols. These protocols are based on the premise of “avoid, deny, defend.” A second training for all high school principals was conducted on September 12, 2018. Subsequent trainings are scheduled on October 19, 2018, for all middle and elementary principals. These trainings are being conducted by Lieutenant Brian Dillman, deputy director of special operations, MCPD.

All school-based staff will be trained on active assailant protocols. Training will be coordinated by the Department of School Safety and Security in partnership with MCPD. Active assailant drills will be required for all schools this school year following training for staff and students.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Andrew M. Zuckerman, chief operating officer, at 240-740-3050.

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