

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

July 3, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Member of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Implications of More Learning, Less Testing Assessment Work Group  
(05-30-19-04)

During the *Implications of More Learning, Less Testing Assessment Work Group* discussion, Ms. Tadikonda requested the following:

**Question A**

Information regarding the number of students that were recruited for the committee/taskforce discussions.

**Response**

Although the law does not require students to serve on the *More Learning, Less Testing Act* district committee, staff in the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs (OCIP) made a decision to include students as committee members. Mrs. Shella B. Cherry, coordinator, Student Leadership, Student Service Learning, and Volunteers was contacted and asked to furnish a listing of a diverse group of student leaders; three students agreed to participate on this committee. It should be noted that during this time period, other students were identified to serve on the Curriculum Advisory Assembly, and several students representing multiple grades, racial groups, and schools participated in vendor presentations for the selection of new curriculum.

**Questions B**

Suggested that staff consider new, varied ways to ensure that more student involvement in these discussions occurs and consider how students will access these meetings, i.e., hold more focus groups, hold meetings at various schools/locations, etc.

**Response**

We believe that the student voice is critical when making upgrades to current practices in the district. In the future, staff in OCIP will consider organizing student focus groups that will take place at schools, other locations, and various times.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Niki T. Hazel, associate superintendent for curriculum and instructional programs, Office of the Chief Academic Officer, at 240-740-3970.

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