

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

December 1, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Monifa B. McKnight, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: College, Career, and Community Readiness—Middle School (10-11-2022-01-A)

During the *College, Career, and Community Readiness Middle School*, discussion Board members requested the following:

Question

Mrs. Smondrowski requested information regarding the financial aspect of what it would look like to have the College, Career, and Community Readiness advisor working with middle school students. What would be the budget impact?

Ms. Wolff requested that staff include information regarding having the College, Career, and Community Readiness advisor work with Career and Technical Education students as well.

Response

The cost to hire two College, Career, and Community Readiness (CCCR) advisors/instructional specialists whose responsibility would be to support middle and high school students in exploring college and Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways would be \$282,934 annually. These instructional specialists would ensure that students have a clear understanding, starting at a younger age, of the various pathways available to them at the high school level, in both their feeder and regional high schools. Having students learn about competitive college preparation programs, early college, dual enrollment, robust CTE programs, credit or non-credit certificate or license program courses or apprenticeships at an earlier age will help them plan their academic trajectory. The CCCR advisor would aid students on the CTE pathway to understanding how to meet career industry standards in earlier grades.

We also have engaged in a partnership with the local workforce development board to develop the role of a career counselor. Furthermore, in alignment with the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, Montgomery County Public Schools will implement a tracker system for Grade 9 students

to measure each student's progress toward graduating on time, including credit accumulation, and report outcomes to the Maryland State Department of Education and the Accountability and Implementation Board.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Niki T. Hazel, associate superintendent of curriculum and instructional programs, via email.

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