

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

April 10, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education  
From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools  
Subject: Student Information System Gender Identifiers (03-12-19-03)

**Question**

During Public Comments, Ms. Wolff requested information regarding the new Student Information System and if it will be capable of handling the use of an “X” designation in addition to the male and female gender identifiers.

**Response**

The new Student Information System (SIS) is scheduled to become operational in summer 2020. In addition to the use of male and female gender identifiers, SIS can accommodate the change in using an “X” designation. Traditionally, such changes are governed by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and its reporting guidelines. We actively are working with MSDE staff to address gender identifier designations. This continues to be an evolving topic within Montgomery County Public Schools and across the state. We will continue to keep the Board informed as additional information becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Andrew M. Zuckerman, chief operating officer, at 240-740-3050 or Mr. Peter Cevenini, chief technology officer, at 240-740-2903.

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