

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

December 12, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Affordability of Senior Photos (10-29-18-03-B)

During the Consent Items discussion, Board members requested the following information:

Question B

Mrs. Smondrowski requested information regarding what MCPS is doing to address the issue of families who are not able to afford the costs associated with acquiring copies of senior photos.

Response

Montgomery County Public Schools currently does not have a districtwide plan to provide senior portraits for families who are not able to afford them; however, we conferred with five high school principals. The principals shared that schools do support the needs of students with financial hardship on a case-by-case basis. Examples include:

- Assisting students' families to set up a payment plan;
- Providing some assistance from school discretionary funds; and
- Providing some assistance from school foundations or through other donations.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jonathan T. Brice, associate superintendent for student and family support and engagement, Office of the Chief Academic Officer, at 240-453-2426.

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