

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

October 2, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Access to Female Hygiene Product (08-29-19-02-E)

During Board/Superintendent Comments, Ms. Dixon requested the following information:

Question

What is the status of girls in secondary schools having access to menstrual pads? How do they access them? Are they free?

Response

Currently, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) middle and high schools maintain a supply of sanitary pads in the health room. The sanitary pads are available to all students who request them at no cost. MCPS and the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services do not provide tampons due to the potential risks of allergic reactions (from perfumes or dyes), toxic shock syndrome, and parent/guardian preferences (not all parents/guardians approve of the use of tampons).

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ruschelle Reuben, associate superintendent for student and family support and engagement, Office of the Chief Academic Officer, at 240-740-5624.

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Ms. Webb