

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

October 27, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Monifa B. McKnight, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Monocacy Elementary School and School-Based Health Centers
(09-09-2021-01-A, -B)

During the *Public Comments* section of the meeting, Board members requested the following information:

Question A

Ms. Wolff requested information regarding the outdoor recess/outdoor lunches situation as mentioned in Avery Donart's testimony (Monocacy Elementary School).

Response A

Students in Grade 2 through Grade 5, at Monocacy Elementary School, eat outdoors using a combination of picnic tables, stadium seats, and blankets. More picnic tables will be added so that kindergarten and Grade 1 students also may eat outdoors. On bad weather days, two classes eat in the cafeteria, seated no more than eight students at a cafeteria table and the other class eats in their room. All classes daily go outside for recess weather permitting. The current plan is deemed to be working.

Question B

Ms. Harris requested information regarding the health centers at Rolling Terrace and New Hampshire Estates elementary schools: Why are they not open? Ms. Harris also requested information regarding why other school-based health centers are not open.

Response B

The School-Based Health Center (SBHC), at Rolling Terrace Elementary School, has been open since March 15, 2021. The SBHC, at New Hampshire Estates Elementary School, also is open, operating normally and seeing patients who make appointments in advance. The four-day

per week nurse practitioner position currently is being filled, on a rotating substitute basis, with nurse practitioners from other sites. Staff has confirmed with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services that all school-based health centers in the district are open and operating normally.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. James P. Koutsos or Ms. Diane D. Morris, area associate superintendents, Office of Teaching, Learning, and Schools, via email.

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