

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

September 21, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Monifa B. McKnight, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Maryland Family Engagement Month— October 2021

WHEREAS, This year's theme for Maryland Family Engagement Month is *Building Back Together: Reimagining Family Engagement*. More than five decades of research continues to demonstrate that family engagement is a powerful influence on student achievement and success, regardless of race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or a parent's/guardian's level of education; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the essential role families play in supporting positive outcomes for student achievement and well-being, and in the pursuit of ensuring every student has the academic, problem-solving, and social emotional skills to be successful in school, college, and career; and

WHEREAS, Families, educators, and community members work together as partners, hold themselves mutually accountable, and have the knowledge, skills, and confidence to succeed at improving education for all students; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools provides opportunities for parents/guardians to engage with school system staff by attending Back-to-School Night events, parent-teacher conferences, various school and school system activities, and also encourages involvement with the Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Associations, Inc., the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Parents' Council, and other parent organizations; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools, this school year, connects with families through Synergy ParentVUE, Montgomery County Public Schools Television Channel 34, social media, and information sent home from the school; and

WHEREAS, Family Engagement Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of parent/guardian engagement in a student's education and create structures that influence family friendly schools to support student academic achievement, development, and success; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and the interim superintendent of schools hereby declare the month of October 2021 to be Maryland Family Engagement Month and encourage parents/guardians, students, staff, and community members to recognize the importance of the home-school partnership to improve student learning.

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