



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**BILL:** SB0733 (Cross filed with HB1062)  
**TITLE:** Education - Student Data Privacy - Reports and Student Data Privacy Council Sunset Extension  
**DATE:** 3/9/2021  
**POSITION:** Oppose  
**COMMITTEE:** Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **opposes** SB0733.

- Bill proposes revisions to clarify/expand the definition of student information covered by student data privacy
- Defines “persistent Unique Identifiers, and
- Requests that each County submit an annual list of digital tools, including:
  - Approved Digital Tools
  - Digital Tools known to be used by educators
  - Digital tools not authorized by the County Board

The decision on which digital tools are used in the education process is not made at specific intervals during the year, but instead is made on an as-needed basis. Tools are added constantly. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) already publishes all approved and not-approved sites on its website. When requests are made to use digital tools at MCPS, they are thoroughly vetted to ensure the tools adhere to our safety and security guidelines. The either receive an approved, requires affirmative parental consent, or not-approved ratings. Here is more information: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/data-privacy-security/>.

For these reasons, the Board **opposes** this legislation and urges an unfavorable report.