



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: HB0418
TITLE: County Boards of Education - Symbols of Hate - Policy
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POSITION: SUPPORT
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **supports** HB0418.

This bill requires county boards to adopt a policy prohibiting the use or display of a symbol of hate on school grounds or in any program, service, school building, or activity that is funded in whole or in part by state funds. MCPS has already implemented such a policy and where the Board does not usually support policy mandates, the Board feels the purpose of this one is critical to the furthering for a safe environment for all students.

For these reasons, the Board **supports** this legislation and urges a favorable report.