

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential

850 Hungerford Drive ◆ Room 123 ◆ Rockville, Maryland 20850

BILL: HB1296

TITLE: Public School Students - Daily Physical Activity (Student Health and

Fitness Act)

DATE: 3/3/2021 POSITION: Support

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) supports HB1296.

This bill includes support for continuing implementation of current wellness policy and practices while creating a goal for physical activity (including recess and physical education classes).

MCPS believes maintaining the current advisory council on health and physical education and adding members while publishing physical education content on the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) website are important updates to the current policy.

Additionally, MCPS supports the prohibition for taking away recess from students as a disciplinary procedure.

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