


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

November 9, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Comprehensive Master Plan Questions (10-11-11-02)

The Comprehensive Master Plan was presented to the Board of Education for discussion and action at its meeting on October 11, 2011. Four questions were posed by Board members; responses are included below. Changes in language requested by Board members will be included in the final submission to the Maryland State Department of Education on November 22, 2011.

Question

Page 16—Change the language to reflect that Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will begin to align the process in high schools with the Common Core State Standards.

Response

Language in this section has been changed to read as follows:

Curriculum—In 2011–2012, MCPS will complete the process of aligning high school English courses in Grades 10, 11, and 12 with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

Question

Page 77—Ms. Berthiaume asked for a report to the Board of the total number of hours of professional development by staff last year that were devoted explicitly to learning about understanding and teaching gifted and talented students, as well as a similar compilation of professional development hours devoted explicitly to special needs students.

Response

The table on the following page specifies the total number of professional development hours devoted to gifted and talented students and special needs students. It should be noted that \$600,792 of the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (ARRA) funds were directed toward professional development for addressing the needs of students with disabilities during the 2010–2011 school year.

Total Number of Professional Development Hours by Staff Devoted to Gifted and Talented Education July 1, 2010–June 30, 2011	Total Number of Professional Development Hours by Staff Devoted to Special Education July 1, 2010–June 30, 2011
Total for All Staff..... 13,604.5	Professional Staff.....36,519
	Paraeducators..... 4,932
	Total for All Staff..... 41,451

Question

Page 77—Mr. Kauffman asked for a list of middle schools and to identify for each whether they offered honors or gifted and talented (GT) English, science, or social studies.

Response

Attached are three lists of middle schools indicating their course offerings for English, science, and social studies. Please note that Honors is not used as a designation in middle school with the exception of Honors Geometry.

In alignment with the recommendations of the *Report on Middle School Reform*, English, science, and social studies courses were revised to incorporate more rigor for all students and foster greater student engagement. Part of this effort was clearly delineating how these courses in English, science, and social studies meet the needs of high-achieving students. As a result, you will see a third offering for each subject that reflects an *Advanced* course. In most situations where an *Advanced* course is offered, there is no separate GT designated course.

Question

Page 83—Does the success of the home-school model refer to the whole school?

Response

On page 83 of the Comprehensive Master Plan, the success of the home-school model (HSM) refers to the success of the special education subgroup. However, with the special education subgroup meeting the adequate yearly progress (AYP) proficiency target, the result for the entire school regarding their final AYP status is more favorable. This section has been revised to read as follows:

In 2009, 32 HSM schools—or 53 percent—met or exceeded the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) proficiency target for the special education subgroup in reading, while 15 HSM schools—or 25 percent—met the AYP proficiency target in mathematics.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Larry A. Bowers, chief operating officer, at 301-279-3626.

JPS:js
Attachment
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School #	School Name	English 6			English 7			English 8		
		6	GT* 6	Adv** 6	7	GT 7	Adv 7	8	GT 8	Adv 8 A&B
		7880	7885	7896	1001	1004	1014	1002	1005	1181/1182
105	Ridgeview	X		X	X		X	X		X
107	Martin Luther King, Jr.	X		X	X		X	X		X
115	Neelsville			X			X			X
155	Rosa M. Parks	X		X	X		X	X		X
157	Roberto Clemente	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
211	Julius West	X		X	X		X	X		X
228	Herbert Hoover	X		X	X		X	X		X
232	Tilden	X		X	X		X	X		X
237	Robert Frost	X		X	X		X	X		X
239	Alternative Programs				X			X		
247	John Poole			X			X			X
248	Forest Oak	X	X		X		X	X		X
311	Francis Scott Key	X	X		X		X	X		X
333	Benjamin Banneker	X		X	X		X	X		X
335	Briggs Chaney	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
403	Chevy Chase ES		X							
412	Westland	X		X	X		X	X		X
413	North Bethesda	X		X	X		X	X		X
415	North Chevy Chase ES	X		X						
428	Thomas W. Pyle	X		X	X		X	X		X
507	William H. Farquhar	X		X	X		X	X		X
521	Shady Grove	X		X	X		X	X		X
522	Lakelands Park	X		X	X		X	X		X
554	Gaithersburg	X		X	X		X	X	X	
557	Montgomery Village	X		X	X		X	X		X
562	Redland	X		X	X		X	X		X
606	Cabin John	X		X	X		X	X		X
647	Silver Spring International			X			X			X
705	John T. Baker	X		X	X		X	X		X
707	Rocky Hill	X	X		X		X	X		X
708	Kingsview	X		X			X			X
755	Takoma Park			X			X			X
775	Eastern	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
778	Sligo	X		X	X		X	X		X
787	A. Mario Loiederman	X		X	X		X	X		X
792	Newport Mill			X			X			X
811	White Oak	X		X	X		X	X		X
812	Parkland	X		X	X		X	X		X
818	Col. E. Brooke Lee			X	X		X	X		X
820	Earle B. Wood	X		X	X		X	X		X
823	Argyle	X		X	X		X	X		X
965	RICA	X			X			X		

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**Adv = Advanced

Middle School Science Courses
2011-2012

School #	School Name	Science 6			Science 7			Science 8		
		6	GT* 6	Investigation in Science 6	7	GT 7	Investigation in Science 7	8	GT 8	Investigation in Earth, Space Systems A&B
		7882	7888	3528	3501	?	3529	3502	3507	3903/3904
105	Ridgeview			X			X			X
107	Martin Luther King, Jr.			X			X			X
115	Neelsville			X			X			X
155	Rosa M. Parks			X			X			X
157	Roberto Clemente			X			X	X		X
211	Julius West	X		X	X		X	X		X
228	Herbert Hoover			X			X			X
232	Tilden	X		X	X		X	X		X
237	Robert Frost			X			X			X
239	Alternative Programs				X			X		
247	John Poole			X			X			X
248	Forest Oak			X			X			X
311	Francis Scott Key			X			X	X		
333	Benjamin Banneker			X			X			X
335	Briggs Chaney						X			X
403	Chevy Chase ES		X							
412	Westland			X			X	X		X
413	North Bethesda			X			X			X
415	North Chevy Chase ES	X								
428	Thomas W. Pyle			X			X	X		X
507	William H. Farquhar			X			X			X
521	Shady Grove			X			X	X		X
522	Lakelands Park			X			X			X
554	Gaithersburg			X			X			X
557	Montgomery Village			X			X			X
562	Redland			X			X			X
606	Cabin John			X			X			X
647	Silver Spring International			X			X			X
705	John T. Baker			X			X	X		X
707	Rocky Hill			X			X	X	X	
708	Kingsview			X			X			X
755	Takoma Park			X			X			X
775	Eastern			X			X	X		X
778	Sligo			X			X	X		X
787	A. Mario Loiederman			X			X	X		X
792	Newport Mill			X			X			X
811	White Oak	X		X	X		X	X		X
812	Parkland									X
818	Col. E. Brooke Lee			X			X			X
820	Earle B. Wood			X			X			X
823	Argyle			X			X			X
965	RICA	X			X			X		

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Middle School Social Studies Courses
2011–2012

School Name	Social Studies 6			Social Studies 7			Social Studies 8		
	Social Studies 6 7883	GT* 6 7886	Adv** World Studies 6 7897	World Studies 7 2001	GT 7 2004	Adv World Studies 7 2006	US History 8 2002	GT 8 2005	Advanced US History 8 2410
Ridgeview			X			X			X
Martin Luther King, Jr.			X			X			X
Neelsville			X			X			X
Rosa M. Parks			X			X			X
Roberto Clemente		X	X		X	X		X	X
Julius West	X		X	X		X	X		X
Herbert Hoover			X			X			X
Tilden	X		X	X		X	X		X
Robert Frost			X			X			X
Alternative Programs				X			X		
John Poole			X			X			X
Forest Oak	X	X		X		X	X		X
Francis Scott Key	X					X			X
Benjamin Banneker			X			X			X
Briggs Chaney			X			X			X
Chevy Chase ES		X							
Westland	X		X			X			X
North Bethesda	X		X	X		X	X		X
North Chevy Chase ES	X								
Thomas W. Pyle			X			X	X		X
William H. Farquhar	X		X	X		X	X		X
Shady Grove			X			X			X
Lakelands Park	X		X	X		X	X		X
Gaithersburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Montgomery Village			X	X		X			X
Redland			X			X			X
Cabin John	X		X	X		X	X		X
Silver Spring International			X			X			X
John T. Baker			X			X			X
Rocky Hill	X					X	X		X
Kingsview			X			X			X
Takoma Park			X			X			X
Eastern	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sligo	X		X	X		X	X		X
A. Mario Loiederman			X			X			X
Newport Mill			X			X			X
White Oak	X		X	X		X	X		X
Parkland			X			X		X	X
Col. E. Brooke Lee			X			X			X
Earle B. Wood	X		X	X		X	X		X
Argyle			X			X			X
RICA	X			X			X		

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