

As a community member and parent of an MCPS Senior in High School I am submitting my testimony in favor of allowing parents/guardians/spectators to attend outdoor MCPS sporting events. As the Council has previously agreed, our students have been negatively impacted in a number of ways due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sports are one of the many activities that allow our students a bit of normalcy and many are pleased they are now able to begin participating again. Just as many other Counties in the State of Maryland have begun allowing parents, guardians and spectators to attend these outdoor sporting events it is my testimony that Montgomery County follow suite. I believe having the support of their parents/guardians at games and events will continue to encourage our students to be resilient and will continue to boost morale. There is plenty of opportunity to maintain social distancing and wear masks to protect those who chose to attend.

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