

**M E M O R A N D U M**

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TO: Education and Culture Committee

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SUBJECT: **Update: Summer School 2023**

PURPOSE: To receive an update on the course offerings, staffing, and enrollment in Montgomery County Public Schools during summer 2023.

*Representatives from MCPS are expected to participate.*

Today the Education and Culture (E&C) Committee will receive an update on the implementation of summer school programs in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) during 2023. MCPS staff will provide an update presentation and answer questions.

**Background**

MCPS regularly offers several types of summer school programming:

- [Central High School Summer Program \(CHSSP\)](#) – CHSSP offers a range of high school-level classes during two summer sessions. Core courses are offered as a combination of synchronous virtual meetings and asynchronous work. Career technical education courses are offered through a hybrid model, with students attending virtual classes four days a week and in-person every Wednesday. Students can take a course for grade replacement, grade improvement, or in some instances, original credit.
- [Extended Learning Opportunities-Summer Adventures in Learning \(ELO-SAIL\)](#) – ELO SAIL is a 17-day summer program with 4.5-hour school days available to rising K–5 students enrolled in Title I schools for the 2023–2024 school year. The program is provided to students enrolled in Title I schools free of charge.
- [Extended School Year \(ESY\)](#) – ESY services extend specific services beyond the regular school year to meet specific goals in a student’s Individualized Education Program. ESY services are provided at no cost for students exhibiting the need for special education, related services, or both, beyond the regular school year.

- [Innovative Calendar Schools](#) –Montgomery County has two schools that operate over the summer; these Innovative Calendar Schools are Arcola Elementary School and Roscoe Nix Elementary School. All students attending these schools participate in an extended school year calendar that extends the school year by 30 days held over a summer session.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, MCPS offered a significantly expanded array of summer program options for students and parents across the district. These offerings were supported in large part by Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. Federal relief funds also supported implementing summer programs at no cost to families. Prior to the pandemic, fees were charged on a sliding scale for some summer school programs (not programs supported by Federal Title I funding, and others).

### **Discussion**

Council staff requested that MCPS provide the following information as part of its overview presentation today:

- Budget breakdown information for summer programs offered during 2023, including funding sources, total cost, and component costs including staffing, transportation, and other elements;
- Data on the number of classes and programs being offered; enrollment; and staffing; and comparison to the participation in prior years; and
- Description of any significant changes in offerings, eligibility, or outreach for 2023 compared to recent summers.

MCPS shared a topline overview of the 2022-2023 Summer School update, attached at ©1-4. MCPS also provided the following in response to an earlier inquiry made by the Committee:

The summer programs offered this year are Local Summer Programs (LSP) for rising 1st – 12th graders, Central Summer High School Program (CHSSP) for current high school students taking online credit courses, Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO SAIL) for elementary Title I schools, Extended School Year (ESY) for students with disabilities who qualify for additional services to their Individualized Education Program (IEP) over the summer, and Early Childhood Summer Program for currently enrolled Prekindergarten and Head Start students in non-Title I school for the upcoming kindergarten year. Each program holds its own set of data around classes, staffing, funding sources, and breakdown of costs, which can be found in the 2022–2023 Summer School Update (see ©1-4).

**2022–2023 SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE**

<b>Programs</b>	<b>Classes being offered (add links)</b>  <b>2022 and 2023 data</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>  <b>2022 and 2023 data</b>	<b>Staffing</b>  <b>2022 and 2023 data</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>  <b>2022 and 2023 data</b>	<b>Significant Changes</b>	<b>Offering, eligibility, or outreach for 2023 compared to past summers</b>
<b>Local Summer School Program (LSP)</b>	Elementary School (ES) & Middle School (MS) - ELA, Math, Electives  High School (HS) - Courses that support graduation credits	<b>2022</b> ES - 10,232 MS - 5,850 HS - 5,434  <b>2023</b> ES - 4,096 MS - 3,251 HS - 2,379	<b>2022</b> Hired Staffing - 2,852 total hires  <b>2023</b> Allocations Hires as of 6/20 - 1,301	ESSER	<b>2022</b> \$19,131,822 (includes CHSSP)  <b>2023</b> \$10,827,000 (includes CHSSP)	In 2023, schools were limited in the number of students to enroll and staff to hire for the first time.	Schools used EOL data to determine the students with the highest need and invited students to fill their allocation spots.
<b>Central High School Summer Program (CHSSP)</b>	HS courses for original credit and grade replacement	<b>2022</b> 7,904 students  6,326 students (registration for session 2 still ongoing until 6/26)	<b>2022</b> 315 Sections in Session 1, including Special Education. 385 Sections in Session 2.  <b>2023</b> 250 sections in session 1,	ESSER  Local fund for materials cost	<b>2022</b> See above	Increased class size to account for historical percentage of non-attenders	In 2022, we offered as many sections as we had teachers. This year, we identified the number of non-attending students and reduced the number of sections offered based on that data. The same courses

			including Special Education. Registration ongoing for session 2.				were offered last year. Current middle school students (rising 6, 7, 8) were not eligible.
<b>Extended School Year (ESY)</b>	Direct special education classroom instruction and related services as appropriate per each student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) ESY eligibility criteria.	<b>2022</b> 5,184 eligible students  <b>2023</b> 5,102 eligible students	<b>2022</b> 1,478 staff members  <b>2023</b> 5,102 Staff members	Federal Grant	<b>2022</b> Budget: \$8,596,687  <b>2023</b> Budget: \$6,917,319	Our ESY budget has been increasing steadily as the need of our ESY eligible student numbers have been increasing steadily pursuant with the growth and profile of our special education programs and population increase in the county.	ESY is federally mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Eligibility is determined annually pursuant to criteria that is reviewed at IEP meetings.

<p><b>Title I</b></p>	<p>Extended Learning Opportunities Summer Adventures in Learning (ELO SAIL) for Rising K-5 students in Title I schools</p> <p>ELA (Curriculum Team) Mathematics (Curriculum Team) NGSS-aligned Science (being developed in collaboration with science curriculum team)</p>	<p><b>2022</b> Enrollment: 7,454</p> <p><b>2023</b> Enrollment: 7,252 (schools with space available are still enrolling)</p>	<p><b>2022 Staffing Allocations:</b></p> <p>Teachers-531</p> <p>Paraeducators - 190</p> <p>Cafeteria Managers-33</p> <p>Secretaries-33</p> <p><b>2023 Staffing Allocations:</b></p> <p>Teachers- 585</p> <p>Paraeducators - 208</p> <p>Cafeteria Managers- 37</p> <p>Secretaries-37</p>	<p>Title I, Part A</p>	<p><b>2022</b> Budget: \$6,717,017.26</p> <p><b>2023</b> Projected Budget: \$6,119,233.07</p>	<p>In FY 2023, we experienced a slight reduction in funding. We are also bringing on 4 new Title I elementary schools who will participate in ELO this summer. Due to this decrease in funding and increase in number of schools to staff, additional programming such as KID Museum and Defined Learning will be replaced with hands-on, NGSS-aligned science for all students which is being developed in collaboration with the MCPS science team.</p>	<p>All rising Kindergarten to 5th grade students enrolled in Title I schools are invited. Outreach includes flyers, posts on the website, ConnectEd messages, and communication from individual schools.</p>
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<b>Early Childhood</b>	Head Start and Pre-K Summer Program	<b>2022</b> 196 students  <b>2023</b> Projected Enrollment 200 Students	<b>2023</b> 32 staff members	Ulysses S. Currie Head Start State Supplemental Grant Funding (160 seats)  Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Funding (20 seats)  Local Funding (20 seats)	<b>2023</b> Budget: \$285,245	The 2023 Ulysses S. Currie Head Start State Supplemental Grant requires a six- to eight-week summer program. MCPS is implementing a six-week program from 06/26/23 to 08/04/23	Our program is invitation only for students currently enrolled in prekindergarten and Head Start who will attend a non-Title I school for kindergarten in the fall of 2023. In the previous year, the same criteria selection was applied.