



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: HB0476
TITLE: Education - Certification in Secondary Education Content Areas -
Expanded Grade Range
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POSITION: SUPPORT
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **supports** HB0476.

House Bill 0476 requires the State Board of Education to authorize a teacher certificated in secondary education to provide instruction in the teacher's content area to students in grades 6-12.

Essentially, HB 0476 would shift Grade 7-12 certifications to include Grade 6. This would expand the pool of certified teachers in critical subject areas as well as professional and technical education. MCPS has previously advocated for secondary teacher content area certification to include grades 6 through 12 and strongly supports the proposed legislation.

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