



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**BILL:** SB0909  
**TITLE:** Education - Summer Sports Program - Established  
**DATE:** 3/10/2020  
**POSITION:** SUPPORT CONTIGENT UPON FUNDING  
**COMMITTEE:** Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **supports SB0909 contingent upon funding.**

Senate Bill 0909 requests that there is a summer physical activities program where adequate.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has consistent use of facilities through MCPS-based summer programs (Extended School Year, Summer enrichment programs, and also through ICB summer camp for profit agencies). Additionally, the health and physical education staff provides summer professional development for PreK-high school staff using gymnasium facilities.

MCPS athletics typically begins in the summer including clinics for future athletes and they use physical education teaching spaces to hold practices. Sports equipment would need to be purchased for the programming. Additional supervisor and coordinator staffing would be needed to develop a brand new program, hire staff for the summer camps, and manage safety and security of students in these locations for appropriate supervision and access of the summer camp. Furthermore, increased building usage fees (electric, consumable materials like paper towels and toilet paper) would also need to be considered. Additionally, most gymnasiums do not have air conditioning and would need to add this to provide appropriate air quality index to have school-aged children in facilities.

The summer programs (both public and private), summer teacher professional development, MCPS athletics, and needed staffing for implementation make it difficult to support Senate Bill 0909. As a result, there would be limited access and availability to summer camp programs raising questions about equity and access in serving students with summer camp physical activity opportunities.

Amendment Proposal:

- MCPS would support this if there is appropriate staffing, supervision, space, and security for students to access the summer camp physical activity program. Also, with the understanding the local school district will not be mandated to match funding at the local level.

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