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BILL: SB0427 (Cross filed with HB0205)
TITLE: Public Schools - Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products - Requirement
DATE: 3/24/2021
POSITION: SUPPORT
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **supports** SB0427.

House Bill 208 would require that each public school install feminine hygiene product dispensers in bathrooms in order to provide students with free feminine hygiene products.

MCPS already provides students with free feminine hygiene products (i.e., sanitary napkins) that are stored in the health room. Any student may go to the health room to obtain free feminine hygiene products. Please note, MCPS and the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) do not provide tampons to students based on health reasons and personal preferences. Tampons are used internally and students may run the risk of significant health complications if they are allergic to any part of the tampon or if they do not comply with safe practices, resulting in Toxic Shock Syndrome. In addition, MCPS and DHHS are aware that there may be family or cultural preferences that would prohibit or discourage the use of tampons.

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