



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**BILL:** HB0771 (Crossfiled with SB0548)  
**TITLE:** Public Schools - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Surveys - Revisions  
**DATE:** 2/12/2021  
**POSITION:** SUPPORT  
**COMMITTEE:** Ways and Means  
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **Supports** HB0771

HB0771 proposes revisions to the Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Specifically, the bill seeks to add Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) to the six categories of questions asked of students in this survey. MCPS Board of Education is sending this letter in support of this legislation.

The Board of Education recognizes that children who experience even one ACE are at a higher risk of risky behavior, chronic health problems, and mental illness. This addition is important at this time because we need more information to understand and support students who have suffered these ACEs. This information will allow school systems to better understand the experiences our students face and to offer better, more targeted support to each of them.

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