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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Michael J. Martirano, Ed. D.
Interim Superintendent

Subject: JumpStart Update

I am writing to provide you with an update on the JumpStart Initiative. This information is in response to Board Members' questions and a pending Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA) request. Staff have followed up with students and families who expressed interest to finalize their site and program selections. Site selections and program selections have been entered into Synergy for the majority of students; some students are still working with counselors to finalize a program and Synergy will be updated with their choices. There are currently 629 students who have been identified in Synergy as participating in the 2018-2019 JumpStart Program. During school year 2018-19, there will be 286 JumpStart students in 9th grade, 150 students in 10th grade, 120 students in 11th grade, and 73 students in 12th grade.

The 629 JumpStart students include 254 students who were districted to attend Centennial, Howard, and Long Reach High Schools. Additionally, 182 Oakland Mills HS students and 193 River Hill HS students have committed to JumpStart for next year, bringing the total number of participants to 629.

The data charts are shown in Appendix A.

Budget-related information will be provided in a separate memo shortly. For more information regarding the JumpStart program, please contact Dr. Caroline Walker, Director, Program Innovation.

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Appendix A: CHS, HoHS, LRHS Students Transferring to OMHS or RHHS for JumpStart

From/To	OMHS	RHHS	TOTAL
CHS	2	16	18
HoHS	12	52	64
LRHS	43	129	172
TOTAL	57	197	254

Below, please find updated demographical data. Compared to the SY17-18 data for HCPSS high school students as a whole, JumpStart students are more likely to be African-American (26.6% vs. 23.4% countywide) or Hispanic (15.9% vs. 10.4% countywide) than HCPSS high school students as a whole. JumpStart students were less likely to be receiving or have received special education services within the past two years or to currently have a 504 Plan (3.7% vs. 17.7% countywide), but more likely to have received ESOL services (12.4% vs. 11.7% countywide). Applicants, especially from LRHS and OMHS, were also more likely to qualify for Free and Reduced-Price Meal services (FARMs) (22.4% vs. 20.2% countywide). FARMs eligibility data by grade level can be found below.

FY18-19 Grade	# Eligible for FARMs	% Eligible for FARMs
9	71	24.8%
10	30	20.0%
11	28	23.3%
12	12	16.7%

Please also note that there are total of 116 siblings who are eligible to follow their brothers and sisters to their JumpStart school. The siblings are currently in grades 4 through 7, making them eligible to attend a JumpStart high school in the next five years. We have not yet polled these siblings to determine whether they are also interested in transferring to a JumpStart high school or wish to remain in their home school.

In response to Board member requests, we have also presented the demographic data for transfer students (students districted to attend CHS, HoHS, and LRHS) and resident students (students districted to attend OMHS or RHHS). The data shows that students transferring from one of the three overcrowded schools are more likely to be female, Hispanic, African American, and qualify for ESOL services or FARMs than students already districted for OMHS and RHHS. This is reflective of the broader demographics of the three overcrowded high schools vis-à-vis OMHS and particularly RHHS.

	N	Sibs	Male	Female	Hispanic	Asian	AfAm	White	2+ Race	Other	SpED	ESOL	FARMs
TRANSFER DEMOS	254	116	115	139	58	40	98	83	11	22	7	38	90
			45.3%	54.7%	22.8%	15.7%	38.6%	32.7%	≤5%	8.7%	≤5%	15.0%	35.4%
RESIDENT DEMOS	375	169	189	186	42	85	69	178	15	28	16	40	51
			50.5%	49.7%	11.2%	22.7%	18.4%	47.6%	≤5%	7.5%	≤5%	10.7%	13.6%
TOTAL ALL JUMPSTART	629	285	304	325	100	125	167	261	26	50	23	78	141
			48.3%	51.7%	15.9%	19.9%	26.6%	41.5%	4.1%	7.9%	3.7%	12.4%	22.4%

In response to Board member requests, we also attempted to present the demographic data by districted school and JumpStart school. However, due to the small population sizes, much of this data had to be suppressed per FERPA guidelines. The suppressed data appears below.

	N	Sibs	Male	Female	Hispanic	Asian	AfAm	White	2+ Race	Other	SpED	ESOL	FARMS
CHS-> OMHS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
			≥95%	≤5%	≤5%	≤5%	50.0%	50.0%	≤5%	≤5%	≤5%	≤5%	≤5%
CHS-> RHHS	16	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
			56.3%	43.8%	12.5%	50.0%	12.5%	37.5%	≤5%	≤5%	≤5%	18.8%	6.3%
HOHS-> OMHS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
			66.7%	33.3%	8.3%	8.3%	58.3%	25.0%	8.3%	≤5%	≤5%	8.3%	8.3%
HOHS-> RHHS	52	24	24	28	*	*	23	16	*	*	*	*	*
			46.2%	53.8%	7.7%	17.3%	44.2%	30.8%	7.7%	≤5%	≤5%	≤5%	15.4%
LRHS-> OMHS	43	17	19	24	16	*	16	13	*	*	*	13	26
			45.2%	57.1%	38.1%	7.1%	38.1%	31.0%	9.5%	16.7%	7.1%	31.0%	61.9%
LRHS-> RHHS	129	63	53	76	35	19	49	44	*	15	*	21	54
			41.1%	58.9%	27.1%	14.7%	38.0%	34.1%	≤5%	11.6%	≤5%	16.3%	41.9%
OMHS-> OMHS	182	89	83	99	39	16	54	83	14	15	*	32	50
			45.6%	54.4%	21.4%	8.8%	29.7%	45.6%	7.7%	8.2%	≤5%	17.6%	27.5%
RHHS-> RHHS	193	80	106	87	*	69	15	95	*	13	*	*	*
			54.9%	45.1%	≤5%	35.8%	7.8%	49.2%	≤5%	6.7%	≤5%	≤5%	≤5%

* = N≤10 students

While not all students have finalized their JumpStart program choice, a majority of students (87%) have. Below are the number of students in each Early College Program by SY18-19 grade level, with 141 students choosing the Flexible option, and 82 students still undecided. Note that due to their more structured course schedules the Early College Programs who primarily chosen by 9th and 10th graders with 11th and 12th graders more likely to choose the Flexible option. The exceptions are 11th and 12th graders at Oakland Mills HS who will be completing the STEM Early College Program in the next two years.

	SY18-19 9th Grade	SY18-19 10th Grade	SY18-19 11th Grade	SY18-19 12th Grade	TOTAL
ECP: Computer Science	29	15	4	0	48
ECP: Criminal Justice	18	7	4	0	29
ECP: Entrepreneurship	16	7	2	0	25
ECP: General Studies (30 credits)	48	22	6	0	76
ECP: General Studies (60 credits)	98	3	0	0	101
ECP: General with STEM	5	36	44	27	112
ECP: Health	9	4	2	0	15
Flexible	61	26	31	23	141
Undecided	3	30	27	22	82
TOTAL	287	150	120	72	629