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AGENDA ITEM #17
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Discussion

SUBJECT

Discussion: Police Response to Child Elopement from School: Policy, Training, and Disciplinary Considerations

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Police Chief Marcus Jones, Montgomery County Police Department
Representatives from Montgomery County Public Schools

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

On March 26, 2021, the Montgomery County Police Department released body worn camera footage showing a police interaction with a five-year-old student that occurred in January 2020. According to the Department's [press release](#):

Emergency Communications Center (911 Center) received a call for service from an employee at the East Silver Spring Elementary School on January 14, 2020. The employee requested MCPD officers' assistance in addressing a five-year-old child who had left the school grounds and did not wish to return. Two MCPD patrol officers responded to handle the call for service.

The MCPD subsequently received a complaint regarding the patrol officers' conduct in handling this call for service. Consistent with MCPD policy, an investigation into the officers' conduct was initiated with the MCPD Internal Affairs Division. A thorough investigation was conducted of the entire event. The internal investigation has concluded. The findings of this internal investigation, as in all internal matters, are confidential under Maryland law. Both officers remain employed by the Montgomery County Department of Police.

Due to pending litigation, the Department has no further comment.

The Council's official statement about the incident, and the process by which Council was notified, is included [here](#). County Executive Elrich's statement can be found [here](#). A statement from Board President Brenda Wolff and Superintendent Dr. Jack Smith can be found [here](#).

Council staff advises that any information provided by the Executive branch and MCPS may be significantly constrained due to a variety of legal prohibitions against sharing

information such as disciplinary outcomes. Other discussion items may also be limited due to pending litigation.

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