



## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **NAACP STATEMENT ON THE INCIDENT AT EAST COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**March 31, 2021**

The Montgomery County NAACP is appalled at the events portrayed in the body camera footage released from the incident involving the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) interaction with a 5-year-old child at East Silver Spring Elementary School.

We are not only appalled by the year-long delay to release this footage but by the events portrayed in this video.

This video depicts deficiencies in process and procedure that cannot be cured by additional training of any type. This video details a complete lack of competence and empathy by employees of both MCPD and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS).

We call upon the County Inspector General and the State's Attorney to investigate this incident to determine which policies of MCPD and MCPS were violated in this incident. Additionally, we call upon the County Council to pass legislation requiring the immediate release of body camera video to the public. Additionally, we call for disciplinary actions to be taken against the MCPD and MCPS employees involved in this incident.

Finally, we express our concerns for the well-being of this child and his family as they work to overcome this deeply traumatic event.

We look forward to working with the County to assure that this kind of trauma is never visited upon a child again.

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