

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

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Committee: Education & Workforce Development

Date: September 8, 2025

Action: Favorable 5-0

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable 5-0 (In favor: Chair Oriadha, Council Members Adams-Stafford, Hawkins, Olson, and Watson).

The Education and Workforce Development Committee convened on Monday, September 8, 2025, to consider the Board of Education's FY 2026 Budget Reconciliation. The item was submitted to the County Council on August 27, 2025.

The FY 2026 budget totals \$2,960,705,651. This is an increase of \$57 million, or 2%, over the FY 2025 County Council's Approved Operating Budget and an increase of \$10 million, or 0.3%, over the County Council Approved FY 2026 Operating Budget.

The County Contribution remains constant at \$969,590,100; however, Federal aid is reduced by \$4.2 million, and State aid is increased by \$14.2 million, resulting in a net increase of \$10.1 million from the budget the Council approved.

Committee members asked questions about the new bus tracking system and raised concerns about its accuracy. Additional questions reflected concerns about the possibility of cutting one-on-one supporting services and decreases in summer school funding and food services. Shavonne Smith, Budget Director for PGCPs, noted that decreases reflect salary lapse and not a decrease in services to students.

Caleb Callender, the policy analyst who wrote the fiscal impact statement, found that there should be no direct fiscal impact on County finances as the school system's budget remains balanced and the County makes no additional contribution.

On September 8, 2025, the Education and Workforce Development Committee voted the item favorable 5-0.