

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
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REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 in favor: Ivey, Taveras, Burroughs, and Medlock
Absent: Harrison

The Education & Work Force Development Committee met on June 27, 2022, to consider the Board of Education's First FY 2022 Financial Review.

The Public School Laws of Maryland require Board of Education and County Council approval of transfers between major State categories. Subsequently, the Prince George's County Public Schools forwarded their First Financial Review and Transfer Request to the Council for consideration on June 9, 2022. The Financial Review was approved by the Board on March 24, 2022.

The transfer request includes budget realignments and transfers between existing major State categories within the FY 2022 Board of Education Approved Budget in the amount of \$28,365,631. Total revenue and expenditures remain at the Board of Education Approved Budget level of \$2,775,176,835.

This FY 2022 Financial Review includes savings from salary lapse that will be redirected towards an early payment of the FY 2023 portion of the Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) annual contribution. Other recoveries in salary lapse, utilities, and lease purchases were used to supplement bus driver overtime due to vacancies and custodian overtime to support CIP projects.

Council Members raised concerns regarding teacher vacancies, hiring more Latinos teachers and staff, closing the learning gap since the pandemic, summer meals, and vaccination programs for the student body and five and below Head Start students.

The Financial Officer indicated that the Office of Human Resources had presented to the Board the teacher's vacancy and strategies to fill positions and he would provide a copy of the presentation to the Council Members.

Council Members requested a future meeting in the fall with the school system leaders to discuss the status of our students' learning and the finances that impact our system's ability to help them succeed.

After discussion the Education & Work Force Development Committee voted Favorable 4 – 0 on the Board of Education's First Financial Review.

