

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2021 Legislative Session

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Committee: Committee of the Whole
Date: October 8, 2021
Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable 9-0 (In favor: Council Members Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivy and Turner). (Absent: Council Members Taveras and Streeter)

Staff gave an overview of the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) FY22 Budget Reconciliation and Transfer Request. The Board of Education transmitted their FY22 Budget Reconciliation on September 7, 2021. Their FY22 Operating Budget was adopted on June 23, 2021 and is requesting the Council's approval of the reconciling adjustments.

Arian Albear, Legislative Budget & Policy Analyst, Office of Audits & Investigations provided a report on the FY22 Budget Reconciliation and Transfer Request. This transfer approval is required by State law to incorporate changes approved by the Board of Education. The categorical totals adopted by the Board of Education following the final FY22 reconciliation differ from those adopted by the County Council. These differences are primarily due to Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) II and III and American Rescue Plan Supplemental Grants awarded after the FY22 Requested Budget was approved as well as the finalization of Kirwan Funds. The total amount of the Federal aid is \$447,864,754. These adjustments reflect changes within the categories, thereby increasing the total budgeted amount to \$2,755,176,835.

School Board member Belinda Queen, Chair of the Operations, Budget, and Fiscal Affairs Committee participated in the work session and thanked the Council for their continued support. Michael Herbstman, Chief Financial Officer and Lisa Howell, Director, Budget, and Management Services, PGCPS, participated in the work session providing additional information and responding to Council Members questions.

Council Member Davis requested an update on State funds once they become available. Council Member Dernoga requested the breakdown of the programs these additional funds would be

spent on.

The COW voted favorable 9 – 0 to support the Board of Education’s FY22 Budget Reconciliation and Transfer Request. The letter of support is scheduled on October 12, 2021 for Council approval.