



Todd M. Turner
Chair
District 4

July 16, 2020

Alvin Thornton, Ph.D.
Chair, Board of Education
Sasscer Administration Building
14201 School Lane
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Dear Dr. Thornton:

In response to your and Dr. Goldson's letter dated June 22, 2020, the Prince George's County Council hereby approves the Board of Education's FY 2020 Operating Budget First Financial Review and Transfer Request. The requested transfer will shift \$36,743,863 in unrestricted funds and \$22,943,645 in restricted funds between major expenditure categories and reduces the Operating Budget by \$2,514,300 million, or 0.12%. The transfer is required to comply with State Law, as it realigns approved expenditure appropriations within major expenditure categories to maintain fiscal stability, and to preserve essential PGCPs programs and services, consistent with the School System Chief Executive Officer's Focus Areas.

It is our understanding that the requested transfer will realign expenditure categories for Fiscal Year 2020 to meet evolving needs and to ensure the fiscal stability of the Prince George's County Public School System. The request increases funding in the following major categories: Textbooks & Instructional Materials, Other Instructional Costs, Special Education, Student Transportation Services, and Maintenance of Plant. These increases in expenditure funding are offset by savings identified with the following categories: Administration, Mid-Level Administration, Instructional Salaries, Student Personnel Services, Health Services, Operation of Plant, Fixed Charges, Food Services Subsidy, and Community Services.

Also accounted for within the realignment of appropriation is a reduction of FY 2020 revenue and expenditure budget appropriations by \$2,514,340. This decrease accounts for a State recalculation of Tax Incremental Financing revenue, which occurred after the Board of Education adopted its Approved Budget on June 20, 2019.

The revised approved Board of Education FY 2020 Operating budget will decrease from \$2,183,122,900 to \$2,180,608,560 as a result of the effects of the major expenditure category transfers, and the reduction in revenue, approved by the County Council on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 as shown on Attachment 1.

The County Council looks forward to continued efforts with the Board of Education to further strengthen and improve the performance and effectiveness of Prince George's County Public Schools. If I can be of further assistance, please contact my office.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd M. Turner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Hon. Todd M. Turner
Council Chair