May 25, 2023

The Honorable Judy Mickens-Murray, Chair
Prince George's County Board of Education
Sasscer Administration Building
14201 School Lane
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Dear Chair Mickens-Murray:

The Prince George's County Council herewith transmits an approved FY 2024 Board of Education Operating Budget in the amount of $2,800,041,400 for the support of Prince George's County Public Schools. The County's contribution aligns with the additional required allocations from the Blueprint for Maryland's Future legislation and represents an increase of $169.8 million, or 6.5% from the FY 2023 Approved Operating Budget. This increase includes substantial increases for Instructional Salaries and Fixed Charges that support benefits for the instructional salary increase. Increases are also provided for ten (10) other expenditure categories. The Attachment 1 provides a summary of the County Council's approved FY 2024 Operating Budget revenue, by source, and expenditure allocations, by major categories.

Adequate funding for the Board of Education remains a priority for the Council as a way of improving the educational and life outcomes of our students, and the future of all County residents. The Council shares the ideals of the Prince George's County Public Schools "Transformation 2026 Strategic Plan," and the focus on Mathematics, School Climate, and Social and Emotional Learning/Mental Health. Thereby, the Council has allocated 62% of the County's FY 2024 Operating Budget to the Board of Education.

The Council thanks the Board of Education, the CEO, and our school system staff for their efforts to address the educational, socio-emotional, and safety needs of our students. We look forward to working together this coming year to ensure that students receive a quality education. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair, Prince George's County Council

Attachment