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Dear Dr. Eubanks:

In response to your and Dr. Maxwell's letter dated June 25, 2015, the Prince George's County Council hereby approves the Board reconciliation request to reassign \$37,817,425 between major expenditure categories included in the Fiscal Year 2016 Approved Operating Budget. This excludes the requested use of \$8.5 million in fund balance. Those additional funds will be considered under separate legislation. The effect of the transfer, approved by the Council on Tuesday, July 21, 2015, is shown in Attachment 1. The Council understands that this transfer request does not alter the total Approved Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget of \$1,833,067,725.

The Council understands that this transfer request includes the Chief Executive Officer's recommended reconciliation action needed to maintain fiscal stability and to preserve and enhance essential school system programs and services to address critical needs consistent with the Strategic Plan. The recommended changes differ from the budget category totals originally adopted by the County Council. Therefore, a transfer between major expenditure categories totaling \$37,817,425 was requested.

The transfer request increases funding in eight (8) of the fifteen categories. Funds are primarily being moved to the Mid-Level Administration, Instructional Salaries, Other Instructional Costs, Special Education, Operation of Plant, Fixed Charges, Food Services, and Community Services. The main reason for the transfers is to provide funding for school based resources, funds for employee compensation, funds to support student needs, and continued investment in innovation. These additional expenditures are offset by reduced allowances for seven (7) major categories: Administration, Textbooks and Instructional Materials, Student Personnel Services, Health Services, Student Transportation Services, Maintenance of Plant, and Capital Outlay.

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,

Mel Franklin
Chairman

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