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The Honorable Branndon D. Jackson, Chair Prince George's County Board of Education Sasscer Administration Building 14201 School Lane Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Dear Chair Jackson:

The Prince George's County Council hereby transmits the approved FY 2026 Board of Education Operating Budget, totaling **\$2,950,635,400**, to support Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS).

This budget reflects the County's commitment to fulfilling its obligations under the Blueprint for Maryland's Future legislation. It includes an **increase of \$151,797,400** over the prior fiscal year, driven primarily by cost-of-living adjustments, step increases outlined in labor contracts, a 2025 differential, and the continuation of mid-year funding adjustments. **Attachment 1** provides a summary of the County Council's approved FY 2026 Operating Budget, detailing revenue sources and expenditure allocations by major category.

In addition to the core operating budget, the County has allocated \$42.6 million in additional funding to support school construction under the public-private partnership (P3) agreement and \$12.6 million toward teacher retirement contributions. This \$55.2 million additional funding is reflected within the County's non-departmental budget and brings the **total County contribution for operating expenses to \$1,024,790,100**.

Ensuring adequate funding for our school system remains a priority for the Council as we continue to improve the educational and life outcomes of our students and the future of all County residents. Therefore, the Council has allocated 61% of the FY 2026 Operating Budget to the Board of Education.

The Council extends its gratitude toward the Board of Education, the Superintendent, and our school system staff for their continued dedication to meeting the educational, socio-emotional, and safety needs of our students. We look forward to working collaboratively in the year ahead to ensure that students receive a quality education. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Edward P. Burroughs, III Chair, Prince George's County Council

Attachment