

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2011 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-19-2011

Proposed by Council Member Franklin

Introduced by Council Members Franklin, Turner, Toles, Harrison, Patterson, Olson,
Johnson, Lehman and Campos

Date of Introduction March 8, 2011

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Prince George's County Public School Funding

3 For the purpose of expressing the County Council's support for the Education Funding
4 Rally event scheduled on March 14, 2011 in Annapolis, Maryland and encouraging the Maryland
5 General Assembly, Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations, and the Governor of
6 the State of Maryland to restore full funding to the Prince George's County Public Schools in the
7 fiscal year 2012 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act.

8 WHEREAS, the Governor's 2012 proposed budget will cut more than \$20 million in
9 operational funding for the Prince George's County Public Schools, forcing the school system to
10 eliminate teachers, support staff, and after school programs while increasing the number of
11 students in each classroom; and

12 WHEREAS, the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act of 2002 (Thornton law) was
13 enacted to ensure that students receive adequate funding for a thorough and efficient education as
14 guaranteed by Article VIII of the Maryland State Constitution; and

15 WHEREAS, the Thornton law resulted in measurable progress in the Prince George's
16 County Public Schools, including an increased proficiency on state math and reading
17 standardized tests since the law was adopted in 2002; and

18 WHEREAS, cuts to public school funding undermine this progress and diminish our ability
19 to provide a quality education for the children residing in Prince George's County; and

20 WHEREAS, with leadership from the Maryland State Educators Association (MSEA), the
21 Maryland PTA, the Maryland Education Coalition, the Prince George's Education Coalition, the
22 Prince George's County N.A.A.C.P., and the Council of Prince George's PTAs, school

1 communities across the county are calling on the Governor and the General Assembly to restore
2 full funding in the fiscal year 2012 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act for the county
3 public schools; and

4 WHEREAS, parents, families, and community members are urging the Prince George's
5 County Delegation to oppose any cuts to funding for Prince George's County Public Schools;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, on March 14, 2011, the Maryland State Educators Association (MSEA), the
8 Maryland PTA, the Maryland Education Coalition, the Prince George's Education Coalition, the
9 Prince George's County N.A.A.C.P., and the Council of Prince George's PTAs will hold an
10 Education Funding Rally in Annapolis to ask the Governor and our state legislators to restore
11 \$22 million for the county public school students; and

12 WHEREAS, citizens from across Prince George's County will unite to make their voices
13 heard, and stand together in steadfast support of our children and our schools.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
15 County, Maryland, that the County Council supports the efforts of the Education Funding Rally
16 in Annapolis on March 14, 2011, coordinated by the Maryland State Educators Association
17 (MSEA), the Maryland PTA, the Maryland Education Coalition, the Prince George's Education
18 Coalition, the Prince George's County N.A.A.C.P., and the Council of Prince George's PTAs;
19 and urges the Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General
20 Assembly and the Governor of Maryland to restore the proposed cuts for funding to Prince
21 George's County Public Schools.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Clerk of the Council is hereby directed to send a
23 copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Governor and Lt. Governor of Maryland, the Honorable
24 President of the Maryland Senate, the Honorable Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates,
25 the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Prince George's County Senate and House
26 Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly, the Honorable Prince George's County
27 Executive, and the County Executive's Legislative Liaison to the County Council.
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Adopted this 8th day of March, 2011.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Ingrid M. Turner
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council