



Todd M. Turner
Chair
District 4

July 16, 2020

Alvin Thornton, Ph.D.
Chair, Board of Education
Sasser 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 Second Financial Review and Transfer request. The County Council understands that this transfer is necessary to incorporate the changes approved by the Board of Education as a result of School System Administration's April 30, 2020 financial review. The transfer is required to comply with State Law, as it realigns approved expenditure appropriations within the 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.

The requested transfer realigns \$6,541,844 in unrestricted funds between major expenditure categories and appropriates an additional \$30,031,745 in restricted funds for use in FY 2020. Savings identified in salary lapse, registration fees, and non-local travel will be realigned to support the early payment of two lease purchase agreements prior to the financial close of FY 2020 to provide for resources to be used to close the FY 2021 Operating Budget gap.

Also, the receipt of \$30,031,745 in restricted revenue from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) grant under the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act will be used to support School System expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The transfer request increases funding in the following major categories: Administration, Instructional Salaries, Textbooks & Instructional Materials, Other Instructional Costs, Special Education, Health Services, Student Transportation Services, Operation of Plant, Fixed Charges, Food Services Subsidy, and Community Services. These increases in expenditure funding are offset by savings identified within the following categories: Mid-Level Administration, Student Personnel Services, and Maintenance of Plant. As a result of the impact of the major expenditure category realignment, and the increase in revenue the revised approved Board of Education FY 2020 Operating budget will increase from \$2,180,608,560 to \$2,210,640,305 as approved by the County Council on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 and shown in Attachment 1.

The County Council looks forward to continuing collaborative efforts with the Board of Education and Dr. Goldson to improve the educational opportunities for our students. 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, sweeping underline.

Hon. Todd M. Turner
Council Chair