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Chair, Board of Education
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Dear Dr. Eubanks:

In response to your and Dr. Maxwell's letter dated October 29, 2015, the Prince George's County Council hereby approves the Board of Education's transfer request to reassign appropriated funding between major categories included in the Fiscal Year 2015 Approved Operating Budget. The Final Operating Budget Transfer Request combines the February 28, 2015 and June 30, 2015 transfers. The effect of the combined transfer request, approved by the Council on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, is shown on Attachment 1. The Council understands that this transfer request does not alter the total Fiscal Year 2015 Approved Operating Budget of \$1,795,250,300.

The requested transfers resulting from the second quarter financial review will realign categories within the aforementioned approved operating budget total. Funds in the amount of \$18,072,056 will be reassigned to the major categories of: Administration, Special Education, Student Personnel Services, Student Transportation Services, Operation of Plant, Maintenance of Plant, Food Services and Community Services. The reassignment is mainly due to an increase in resource requirements to support: Special Education non-public placements and temporary help; human resources staffing; legal settlements; maintenance and plant operations requirements and other needs across departments. These increases in resource requirements are offset by a system-wide savings resulting from a discretionary spending freeze and a hiring freeze for non-classroom based positions.

Transfers resulting from the end of year financial statement audit will reallocate unexpended appropriated funds of \$3,825,186, remaining within the Fixed Charges category, to the major categories of Maintenance of Plant and Student Personnel Services, where expenditures exceeded the appropriated levels. The unexpended appropriation remaining within the Fixed Charges category represents savings realized as a result of the hiring freeze for non-classroom based positions. This transfer complies with State law requiring expenditures to remain within appropriated levels.

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
Council Chairman