



Todd M. Turner
Chair
District 4

July 16, 2020

Alvin Thornton, Ph.D.
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 2019 Final Operating Budget Transfer Request. The requested transfer between major expenditure categories realigns \$7,502,724 in unrestricted funds and \$1,954,464 in restricted funds, encompassing a total of 0.46% of the Approved FY 2019 Operating Budget.

It is our understanding that the requested transfer will realign categories for Fiscal Year 2019 to comply with State Law, as it realigns approved expenditure appropriations within major expenditure categories to ensure that expenditures did not exceed appropriated balances by category.

School System Administration staff determined during the fiscal year's final financial review that the grant portion of the Special Education Major Category expended beyond budget. The restricted portion of this Category was insufficiently budgeted to meet actual grant expenditures and a transfer was necessary from the Reserve for Future Grants. Also, a technical error within the Board of Education's prior consideration and approval of this transfer request was noted by the School System administration staff and has been corrected.

The transfer request increases funding in the following major categories: Instructional Salaries, Textbooks and Instructional Materials, and Operation of Plant. These increases in expenditure funding are offset by savings identified in the following categories: Administration, Mid-Level Administration, Other Instructional Cost, Special Education, Student Personnel Services, Health Services, Student Transportation Services, Maintenance of Plant, Fixed Charges, and Community Services.

The Board of Education's Approved FY 2019 Operating Budget remains at \$2,047,732,000 and the effect of the major expenditure category transfers, approved by the County Council on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, is shown on Attachment 1.

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

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