

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2026 Legislative Session

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Date: January 26, 2026

Action: Favorable 4-0

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable 4-0 (In favor: Chair Adams-Stafford, Council Members Harrison, Olson, Burroughs).

The Education and Workforce Development Committee convened on Monday, January 26, 2026, to consider the FY 2026 Board of Education Financial Review and Transfer Request #1. The item was submitted to the County Council on January 20, 2026.

This Board of Education Transfer Request seeks approval to decrease the FY 2026 operating budget by \$2,032,022. This adjustment aligns with final State aid calculations and reflects two technical changes affecting both revenues and expenditures, resulting in a revised FY 2026 operating budget of \$2,958,673,629.

First, \$1,997,479 is being eliminated from both revenues and expenditures related to private pre-kindergarten providers. Under the finalized funding structure, the County now pays private pre-kindergarten providers directly, rather than passing those funds through Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS). As a result, these pass-through amounts are no longer reflected in the PGCPS operating budget. Those funds will be placed in the Nondepartmental section of the County budget. Second, an adjustment of \$34,543 is required to correct an overstatement in State revenue associated with the Blueprint Coordinator position. This change reflects a reclassification of that funding from the State's minimum contribution category to supplemental funding.

Chair Adams-Stafford had questions regarding why the State changed the funding flow for private pre-kindergarten providers and whether this was a one-time change. Additionally, she asked whether there were additional funding sources providing support for private pre-kindergarten providers.

In response, PGCPS Director of Budget and Management Services, Ms. Shavonne Smith, explained that beginning in FY 2026, both the County and the State pay private pre-kindergarten providers directly rather than routing funds through the school system. She noted that this change is not one-time, is reflected again in the FY 2027 preliminary state aid, and does not represent additional funding to PGCPS.

On January 26, 2026, the Education and Workforce Development Committee voted the item favorable 4-0.