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The Honorable Dr. Eubanks:

The Prince George's County Council herewith transmits an approved FY 2016 budget in the amount of \$1,833,067,725 for Prince George's County Public Schools. This represents an increase of \$37,817,425, or 2.1%, over the approved FY 2015 budget of \$1,795,250,300. We have allocated 62.1% of the County's FY 2016 General Fund Budget to the Board of Education. The County's approved FY 2016 budget exceeds the County's minimum contribution funding level required under the State's maintenance-of-effort formula.

The County Council approves the Chief Executive Officer's FY 2016 priorities that focus on achieving academic excellence, developing a high-performing workforce, increasing organizational effectiveness, promoting engagement with families and community partners, and providing for a safe and supportive school environment while maintaining fiscal stability. Attachment 1 provides a summary of the FY 2016 revenue by source and the County Council approved expenditure allocations by major category.

The County Council looks forward to the completion of the Continuous Business Process Improvement Study and to the continued progress of the Prince George's County Public Schools Strategic Plan. Using these tools as a roadmap, the School System can remain focused to ensure outstanding academic achievement for all students.

Despite the difficult fiscal constraints that the County and State have faced this year, and over the last several years, significant efforts have been made to provide the Board of Education additional funding to continue their efforts to ensure all students share the same opportunities and are given a chance to succeed. The County Council awaits the Board of Education's reconciliation of the final budget amounts that will reflect the Board of Education's priorities. Please be assured that once you have completed your budget reconciliation, the Council will expeditiously review your request.

The County Council anticipates a continued cooperative relationship with the Members of the Board of Education and Dr. Maxwell in enhancing our educational system to ensure all students within Prince George's County Public Schools receive a world-class educational experience. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Mel Franklin Chairman