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May 23, 2024

The Honorable Judy Mickens-Murray, Chair
Prince George's County Board of Education
Sasscer Administration Building
14201 School Lane
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Dear Chair Mickens-Murray:

The Prince George's County Council herewith transmits an approved FY 2025 Board of Education Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,798,838,000 for the support of Prince George's County Public Schools. The County's contribution aligns with the required allocations from the Blueprint for Maryland's Future legislation, and the total budget represents a slight decrease of \$1,203,400. This decrease is due to a number of factors, including the calculation of the Energy and Telecommunications Tax as part of the minimum contribution requirement, adjustments to Blueprint formula funding, and the reallocation of the Phase II payment of the Public-Private Partnership from the Board of Education to the Non-Departmental category of the County's budget. Nevertheless, the budget includes increases in Instructional Salaries, Health Services, and Mid-Level Administration. Attachment 1 provides a summary of the County Council's approved FY 2025 Operating Budget revenue, by source, and expenditure allocations, by major category.

Adequate funding for the Board of Education remains a priority for the Council to improve the educational and life outcomes of our students and the future of all County residents. The Council shares its commitment to the Board of Education's priorities of Academic Achievement, Mental Wellness, Safety and Security, Special Education, Teacher Recruitment, and Transportation. Thereby, the Council has allocated 61% of the County's FY 2025 Operating Budget to the Board of Education.

The Council thanks the Board of Education, the Superintendent, and our school system staff for their efforts to address the educational, socio-emotional, and safety needs of our students. We look forward to working together this coming year to ensure that students receive a quality education. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Jolene Ivey
Chair, Prince George's County Council

Attachment