

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2024 Legislative Session**

Reference No.:	Board of Education Transfer Request #2
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Committee:	Education and Workforce Development
Date:	April 22, 2024
Action:	FAV

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable 4-0-1 (Favorable: Harrison, Watson, Blegay, and Hawkins; Abstain: Oriadha)

The Board of Education's (BOE) second FY 2024 Financial Review and Transfer Request was heard in the Education and Workforce Development Committee on April 22, 2024. David Noto, Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst, provided an overview of the transfer request. Lisa Howell, Chief Financial Officer of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), was available to answer questions.

The Request would shift \$43,572,676 in Unrestricted funds and \$32,016,472 in Restricted funds between major State expenditure categories. The transfer request is required to comply with State Law. Savings were identified primarily in salary lapse that will be redirected towards early payment of the FY 2025 portion of the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) annual contribution, Phase II of the public-private partnership (P3) for school construction, and two lease purchase agreements that supported the purchase of buses, textbooks, and technology.

During the discussion, several Council Members voiced concerns over the FY 2025 use of the operating budget for P3 school construction projects and possibly cutting programming post-pandemic. Lisa Howell, the Chief Financial Officer for Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), noted that using operating funds for school construction may impact the entire operating budget. Stanley Earley, Director of Management and Budget for Prince George's County, provided an overview of how the P3 projects are funded.

The Education and Workforce Development Committee voted favorably 4-0-1.