



# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

**Meeting Date:** 7/21/2020

**Effective Date:**

**Reference No.:** LTR 07152020

**Chapter Number:**

**Draft No.:** 1

**Public Hearing Date:**

**Proposer(s):**

**Sponsor(s):**

**Item Title:** Proposed correspondence to Alvin Thornton, Ph.D., Chair, Board of Education, regarding their FY 2021 Operating Budget Reconciliation Request.

**Drafter:** Sandra Eubanks, Committee Director  
Education & Workforce Development Committee

**Resource Personnel:** Inez Claggett, Senior Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst  
Office of Audits and Investigations

### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
07/15/2020	COW	Favorably recommended	County Council

**Action Text:**

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this Agenda Letter be Favorably recommended to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 Turner, Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

07/21/2020	County Council	authorized for Chair's signature	
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**Action Text:**

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Dernoga, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for the Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

The Board of Education transmitted their FY 2021 reconciliation Operating Budget transfer on July 6, 2020. On June 25, 2020, the Board of Education adopted their FY 2021 Operating Budget totaling \$2,319,506,234 and is requesting the Council's approval of the reconciling

adjustments. The transfer request authorizes reassignment of appropriations between major budget expenditures categories in the amount of \$41,368,234 included in the Board's approved reconciling adjustments.

The transfer request increases their FY 2021 Approved Operating Budget of \$2,278,138,000 to \$2,329,506,34. Additionally, overall revenue increased from the County Council Approved Budget to account for federal restricted COVID-19 grants as well as the Board of Education's increased use of fund balance to close the budget deficit.

The transfer request increases funding in ten (10) major expenditure categories: Mid-Level Administration, Instructional Salaries & Wages, Textbooks and Instructional Materials, Special Education, Student Personnel Services, Student Health Services, Operation of Plant, Fixed Charges, Food Service Subsidy and community Services. The additional expenditures required for these ten (10) categories are offset by reduced funding in five (5) major expenditure categories: Administration, Other Instructional Costs, Student Transportation Services, Maintenance of Plant, and Capital Outlay. As a result of the impact of the major expenditure category realignment, and the increase revenue, the revised approved Board of Education's FY 2021 Operating Budget will increase from \$2,278,138,000 to \$2,319,506,234 as approved by the County Council on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, is reflected in Attachment 1.

The overall goal of the FY 2021 Operating Budget is to support critical school-based initiatives while maintaining fiscal responsibility amid COVID-19-related revenue reductions.

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**Document(s):** BOE FY21 Reconciliation Letter, BOE FY21 Reconciliation Attachment1