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Calvin S. Hawkins, II Chair At-Large Council Member

June 15, 2021

Dr. Juanita Miller Chair, Board of Education Sasscer Administration Building 14201 School Lane Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Dear Dr. Miller:

In response to your and Dr. Goldson's letter dated May 28, 2021, the Prince George's County Council hereby approves the Board of Education's FY 2021 Operating Budget second financial review and transfer request. The County Council understands that this transfer is necessary to incorporate the changes approved by the Board of Education as a result of the School System Administration's financial review. The transfer is required to comply with State Law, as it realigns approved expenditure appropriations within the major expenditure categories to maintain fiscal stability and to further assist in the comprehensive plan to reconcile the FY 2022 Operating Budget.

The requested transfer realigns \$21,801,651 in unrestricted funds and \$46,878,205 in restricted funds between major expenditure categories for use in FY 2021. Savings identified in rate adjustments, system-wide discretionary, part-time salaries, salary lapse recovery, utilities, overtime and centralized reductions in areas not required during the pandemic will be realigned to support the early payment of the FY 2022 portion of the Other Post Employee Benefits annual contribution. The second area where these savings will be used is for a general fund subsidy to the Food and Nutrition fund. This is in addition to the \$6.8 million general fund subsidy outlined in the March 25, 2021 Financial Review. Together, these two amounts will fully offset the projected \$15.2 million deficit in the FNS fund for FY 2021.

The transfer request increases funding in the following major categories: Mid-Level Administration, Textbooks & Instructional Materials, Other Instructional Costs, Maintenance of Plant, and Food Services Subsidy. These increases in expenditure funding are offset by savings identified within the following categories: Administration, Instructional Salaries, Special Education, Student Personnel Services, Health Services, Student Transportation Services, Operation of Plant, Fixed Charges, and Community Services. The Board of Education's Approved FY 2021 Operating Budget remains at \$2,319,506,234, and the effect of the major expenditure category transfers approved by the County Council is shown on Exhibit A.

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The County Council looks forward to continuing collaborative efforts with the Board of Education and Dr. Goldson to improve the educational opportunities for our students. If I can be of further assistance, please contact my office.

Sincerely

Calvin S. Hawkins, II

Chair