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| Subject: Public Hearing/Action – Special Appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools, \$1,248,757 for a School Safety Safe Schools Grant (Source of Funds: State Grant) | |
| Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected | |
| Analyst: Craig Howard, Senior Legislative Analyst | Committee: Directly to Council |
| Keywords: #MCPS, schools, safety | |

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The County Council will hold a public hearing and consider action on a special appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools in the amount of \$1,248,757 for a School Safety Safe Schools Grant. The source of funds is a Maryland Center for School Safety Grant.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The Board of Education requested this appropriation on May 14. A draft special appropriation resolution is attached.
- Under the *Maryland Safe to Learn Act of 2018*, Montgomery County Public Schools has received notice from the Maryland Center for School Safety that it will receive \$1,248,757 for an FY19 Safe Schools grant. As a grant award, there is no effect on the County's current or future maintenance of effort requirements.
- **Council staff recommends approval.**

This report contains:

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| Board of Education Request (May 14, 2019) | ©1-4 |
| Draft Special Appropriation Resolution | ©5-6 |

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Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

May 17, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marc Elrich, County Executive
The Honorable Nancy Navarro, President,
Montgomery County Council

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Transmittal of Board of Education Agenda Item #10.8

Recommended Fiscal Year 2019 Supplemental Appropriation for School Safety Safe Schools Grant

BOE Meeting Date: May 14, 2019

Amount: \$1,248,757

Type of Action: Approval

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Attachment

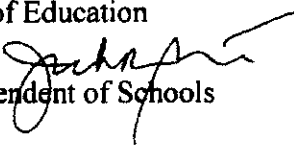
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Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

May 14, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Recommended Fiscal Year 2019 Supplemental Appropriation for School Safety
Safe Schools Grant

Recommendation in Brief

Authorization is requested to receive and expend, subject to County Council approval, a Fiscal Year 2019 supplemental appropriation of \$1,248,757 for a grant that Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has been awarded from the Maryland Center for School Safety.

Background

MCPS is committed to the priorities established by the state of Maryland in its passage of the *Safe to Learn Act of 2018* including school safety and evaluations, behavioral threat assessment, and increased access to mental health services for students. MCPS also is focused on promoting the physical, social, and psychological health and well-being of all students to create an environment in which students may develop the academic and behavioral skills necessary to graduate from high school who are college-, career-, and community-ready.

The development of trauma-informed schools supports school safety initiatives. Students who feel safe in school experience less trauma and are less likely to act out; staff members are more attuned to the behavioral and emotional strengths and needs of their students; and students who have experienced trauma are more able to heal and regain a sense of safety and security. In the past five years, MCPS has strived to build a trauma-informed network of supports and services to supplement the existing social-emotional and behavioral programs so that students who have been exposed to adverse childhood experiences and trauma have a safe environment in which to heal and develop. MCPS also recognizes that students who have not been exposed to stressors or who are recovering from trauma need a protective school environment to mitigate future exposure to stress and enhance resiliency.

MCPS is a large suburban school district with more than 163,000 students and 24,000 employees serving 206 schools. Establishing consistent safety training, procedures, and practices districtwide is critical to ensuring the safety and security of students and employees. In 2017, MCPS began a comprehensive review of the protocols, practices, and infrastructure related to the critical imperative of maintaining safe, orderly learning environments for all students. School safety is a multidisciplinary, interoffice effort. Staff in the offices of the Chief Operating Officer and Student and Family Support and Engagement are collaborating with community partners (e.g., Montgomery County Police Department and community mental health organizations) to coordinate communications for the district and community to present one cohesive message on the prioritization of physical and psychological safety districtwide. In addition, MCPS is collaborating with the Maryland Center for School Safety on developing a school safety tool that includes both physical and psychological safety.

Use of Funds

Funds will be used to provide for:

- Salaries and overtime;
- Contractual services;
- Program supplies; and
- Equipment.

Recommended Resolution

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools is committed to the priorities established by state of Maryland in its passage of the *Safe to Learn Act of 2018* including school safety and evaluations, behavioral threat assessment, and increased access to mental health services for students; and

WHEREAS, Students who feel safe in school experience less trauma and are less likely to act out; staff members are more attuned to the behavioral and emotional strengths and needs of their students; and students who have experienced trauma are more able to heal and regain a sense of safety and security; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools has received notification that it will receive \$1,248,757 for a Fiscal Year 2019 Maryland Center for School Safety Safe Schools grant; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend, subject to County Council approval, a Fiscal Year 2019 supplemental appropriation of \$1,248,757 in the following categories;

| Category | Amount |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 02 Mid-Level Administration | \$262,100 |
| 03 Instructional Salaries | 343,880 |
| 07 Student Personnel Services | 505,140 |
| 10 Operation of Plant | 137,637 |
| Total | \$1,248,757 |

and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the county executive and County Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive be requested to recommend approval of this resolution to the County Council.

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Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Public Schools
School Safety Safe Schools Grant, \$1,248,757
Source of Funds: Maryland Center for School Safety

Background

1. Section 308 of the County Charter provides that a special appropriation is an appropriation which states that it is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency, or to act without delay in the public interest. Each special appropriation shall be approved by not less than six Councilmembers. The Council may approve a special appropriation at any time after public notice by news release. Each special appropriation shall specify the source of funds to finance it.
2. The Board of Education has requested a special appropriation of \$1,248,757 for the Montgomery County Public Schools' FY19 Operating Budget for a School Safety Safe Schools Grant from the Maryland Center for School Safety:

| <u>Personnel</u> <u>Services</u> | <u>Operating</u> <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Capital</u> <u>Outlay</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Source</u> <u>of Funds</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| \$0 | \$1,248,757 | \$0 | \$1,248,757 | Grant |

3. This appropriation is needed to provide spending authority for the use of grant funds received from the Maryland Center for School Safety. As a grant award, there is no effect on the County's current or future maintenance of effort requirements.
4. Notice of public hearing was given and public hearing was held.
5. The County Council declares this request is in the public interest to be acted upon without delay as provided for under special appropriation requirements described in Article 3, Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

A special appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Public Schools is approved as follows:

| <u>Personnel Services</u> | <u>Operating Expenses</u> | <u>Capital Outlay</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Source of Funds</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| \$0 | \$1,248,757 | \$0 | \$1,248,757 | Grant |

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq.
Clerk of the Council