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Committee Review: N/A
Staff: Craig Howard, Deputy Director
Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected
Keywords: MCPS

AGENDA ITEM #13
March 10, 2020
Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Supplemental Appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools, \$351,050 for the Alfred Noyes Pilot Project Grant (Source of Funds: State Grant)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The County Council will hold a public hearing and consider action on a supplemental appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools, \$351,050 for the Alfred Noyes Pilot Project grant. The source of funds is a Maryland State Department of Education grant.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The Board of Education requested this appropriation on December 3, 2019. The County Executive recommended approval on February 4, 2020. The Council introduced this supplemental appropriation on February 25, 2020.
- This appropriation will provide funds to investigate how best to educate students in the juvenile justice system, the results of which will guide juvenile justice education throughout the State. The pilot will partner with the Rockville-based Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center and the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

February 4, 2020

TO: Sidney Katz, President, County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #20-453 to the FY20 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Public Schools
Alfred D. Noyes Pilot Project Grant, \$351,050

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) in the amount of \$351,050 for the Alfred D. Noyes Pilot Project grant. This appropriation will provide funds to investigate how best to educate students in the juvenile justice system, the results of which will guide juvenile justice education throughout the State. The pilot will partner with the Rockville-based Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center and the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services. One position is funded through the grant to ensure smooth transition for credits and student placements, a position that MCPS does not expect to retain if the grant funding does not continue into future years.

This supplemental appropriation is needed to provide spending authority for grant funds received from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). As a grant award, there is no effect on the County's current or future Maintenance of Effort requirements.

I recommend that the County Council approves this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$351,050 and specify the source of funds as MSDE.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:rh

Attachment

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Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #20-453 to the FY20 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Public Schools
Comprehensive School Safety Initiative Program Grant, \$351,050

Background

1. Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week's notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of five Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
2. The County Executive has requested the following FY20 Operating Budget appropriation increases for Montgomery County Public Schools

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$351,050	\$0	\$351,050	Grant

3. This increase is needed to provide spending authority for the use of grant funds received from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). As a grant award, there is no effect on the County's current or future maintenance of effort requirements.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget in the amount of \$351,050 for the Alfred D. Noyes Pilot Project and specifies that the source of funds will be grant funds from MSDE.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

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

A supplemental appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget of 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	\$351,050	\$0	\$351,050	Grant

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council

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

December 6, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marc Elrich, County Executive
The Honorable Sidney A. Katz, President,
Montgomery County Council

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Transmittal of Board of Education Agenda Item #10.17

Recommended Fiscal Year 2020 Supplemental Appropriation for the Alfred D. Noyes Pilot Project Grant

BOE Meeting Date: December 3, 2019

Amount: \$351,050

Type of Action: Approval

JRS:ND:jp

Attachment

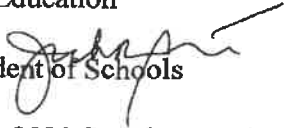
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Ms. Diamond
Montgomery County Office of Management and Budget

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

December 3, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Recommended Fiscal Year 2020 Supplemental Appropriation for the Alfred D. Noyes Pilot Project Grant

Recommendation in Brief

Authorization is requested to receive and expend, subject to County Council approval, a Fiscal Year 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$351,050 from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for the Alfred D. Noyes Pilot Project grant.

Background

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has received \$351,050 from MSDE for the Alfred D. Noyes Pilot Project grant. The purpose of this grant is to provide a pilot program for the oversight of education for children in the juvenile justice system. This program requires that a work group be established to make recommendations on the management and operation of juvenile services education programs. This includes studying the appropriate funding formula, length of the school year, transitional education services, and staffing and procurement processes. In addition, this pilot will set the course to study management models, including the current model operated by MSDE, a model where local school systems operate the educational programs on a regionalized basis and a model where an independent board of education operates the juvenile services education programs.

Through a partnership between MCPS and MSDE, the Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center in Rockville, Maryland, will serve as the Juvenile Services Education System (JSES) facility participant for the pilot program. The Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) operates the Noyes Children's Center and provides services to pre-adjudication youth (e.g., youth awaiting trial or long-term placement). Placement decisions are made by the juvenile court system, with time of residence dependent upon a broad range of factors. The Noyes Children's Center provides secure detention services with a capacity to house 57 youth from 12 to 18 years of age whose

average length of stay is between 12 and 15 days. Typically, there are 30 to 45 youth residing at the facility with regular changes in enrollment due to hearing decisions and adjudications of cases. Students attend school 6 hours per day for 22 days. Approximately 90 percent of the youth at the Noyes Children's Center are residents of Montgomery County.

The school within the Noyes Children's Center is operated by JSES, which currently provides educational programming and manages all school employees and staff members to include a principal, a secretary, a counselor, and eight teachers. The majority of youth at the Noyes Children's Center are high school students and approximately 30 percent suffer from disabilities that impact their learning.

Currently, MSDE JSES provides educational services in 13 residential facilities operated by DJS. According to a DJS budget analysis, the average length of stay for a youth in secure (pre-adjudication) detention has been consistently less than 20 days for the past 4 fiscal years; and less than 26 days for pending placement youth. As the budget analysis emphasizes, these average stays of less than one month are in contrast to the average length of stay for the youth-charged-as-adult population which has been approximately 100 days, but currently stands at more than 120 days. In addition, the number of youth in secure detention pre-adjudication and pending placement has been declining; and the youth-charged-as-adult population has grown dramatically. In this light, alternative approaches to educating all youth in DJS facilities and pursuing the option for local school systems to develop and deliver their own instructional programs is being explored.

Support of Board of Education Mission

The Alfred D. Noyes Pilot Project is supported by the MCPS Strategic Plan focus area, *Focus on Community Partnerships and Engagement*, and aligns with the strategic objective to meet the in-school and out-of-school needs of students and families. The focus of this grant is to ensure that children in juvenile facilities receive a quality education.

Use of Funds

Funds will be used for:

- Instructional materials;
- Curriculum development;
- Substitutes;
- Staff salary for a 1.0 transition support worker position;
- Temporary part-time salaries;
- Associated employee benefits;
- Equipment; and
- Family and community services.

Recommended Resolution

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools has received notification from the Maryland State Department of Education that it will receive \$351,050 for the Alfred D. Noyes Pilot Project Grant; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools has an existing enrollment of approximately 19,000 students with disabilities; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend, subject to County Council approval, a Fiscal Year 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$351,050 for the Alfred D. Noyes Pilot Project Grant; in the following categories:

Category	Position	Amount
2 Mid-level Administration		\$ 9,360
3 Instructional Salaries		172,184
4 Instructional Materials		18,082
6 Special Education		12,980
7 Student Personnel Services	1.0	85,880
10 Equipment		1,200
12 Fixed Charges		46,364
14 Community Services		5,000
<u>Total</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>\$ 351,050</u>

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent 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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