

Resolution No.:	<u>19-1068</u>
Introduced:	<u>November 16, 2021</u>
Adopted:	<u>November 30, 2021</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Lead Sponsor: County Council

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**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Public Schools  
\$252,242,245 for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund  
III (Source of Funds: Federal Relief Grant - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021)

**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 \$252,242,245 for the Montgomery County Public Schools' FY22 Operating Budget for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Fund. The ESSER III Fund was included in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) that was signed into law on March 11, 2021. Under ESSER III, the U.S. Department of Education awarded grants to address the impact that the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the nation.
3. The requested funds will be used to provide for:
  - Position salaries;
  - Non-position salaries;
  - Stipends;
  - Associated employee benefits;
  - Contractual services;
  - Special education compensatory services;
  - Instructional materials and technology support and resources.

Funds will be allocated as follows:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2: Mid-Level Administration	16	\$5,463,002
3: Instructional Salaries	171	\$107,511,896
4: Textbooks & Instr. Supplies		\$29,432,108
5: Other Instructional Materials		\$19,888,000
6: Special Education	33	\$16,653,983
7: Student Personnel Services	50	\$8,087,642
9: Student Transportation	1	\$3,590,854
10: School Plant Operations		\$5,000,000
11: Maintenance of Plant		\$12,600,000
12: Fixed Charges		\$29,225,815
13: Food Services		\$14,788,945
<b>Total:</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>\$252,242,245</b>

4. This appropriation is needed to provide spending authority for the use of grant funds received from the U.S. Department of Education through the Maryland State Department of Education. As a grant award, there is no effect on the County's current or future maintenance of effort requirements.
5. Notice of public hearing was given and the public hearing was held.
6. 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 FY22 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Public Schools is approved as follows:

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This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
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Clerk of the Council