

Resolution No.: 20-299
Introduced: October 3, 2023
Adopted: October 3, 2023

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Categorical Transfer, FY23 Operating Budget Montgomery County Public Schools, \$21,400,000

Background

1. Section 5-105 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides for transfers among major categories of the Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Public Schools only with the approval of the County Council.
2. The County Council received the Board of Education's action of August 24, 2023, requesting a transfer among state categories as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
3	Instructional Salaries		\$11,400,000
4	Textbooks and Instructional Supplies		6,000,000
5	Other Instructional Costs		4,000,000
9	Student Transportation	1,900,000	
10	Operation of Plant and Equipment	1,100,000	
11	Maintenance of Plant	2,300,000	
12	Fixed Charges	<u>16,100,000</u>	<u> </u>
Total		\$21,400,000	\$21,400,000

3. The Board of Education has requested authorization to make an FY23 categorical transfer to align budgeted appropriations with actual expenditures. This request would offset deficits in Category 9, Student Transportation; Category 10, Operation of Plant and Equipment; Category 11, Maintenance of Plant; and Category 12, Fixed Charges, by transferring surpluses from Category 3, Instructional Salaries; Category 4, Textbooks and Instructional Supplies; and Category 5, Other Instructional Costs.
4. The deficit in Category 9, Student Transportation, is due to higher than anticipated fuel costs.

5. The deficit in Category 10, Operation of Plant and Equipment, is due to the final accounting of the reimbursement from the Montgomery County Interagency Coordinating Board for the public use of school buildings offset by lower than anticipated costs for utilities.
6. The deficit in Category 11, Maintenance of Plant, is due to increased costs due to inflation for maintenance supplies and materials.
7. The deficit in Category 12, Fixed Charges, is due to the one-time contribution of fund balance in the amount of \$14.0 million to support the Employee Benefits Plan.

Action

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

The FY23 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Public Schools is hereby amended, and a transfer of appropriation is approved as follows:

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This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council