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**FY 2019 Categorical Budget Transfer**

The FY 2019 Approved Operating Budget for the Howard County Public School System contained an additional \$5.6 million in funding from the county to ensure the maintenance of class size ratios at the FY 2018 level. This additional funding also provided for a restorative justice position in the school system.

Due to regulations, the county approved this funding in Category 12 – Fixed Charges. This transfer is to move the funds to the appropriate categories to honor the county’s intention for the use of these additional funds.

The transfer of funds to both Category 2 – Mid-Level Administration and Category 3 – Instructional Salaries and Wages will provide for salary costs. The balance of the funding will remain in Category 12 – Fixed Charges to cover benefit costs associated with the salaries.

**Additional Revenue Provided by the State**

Following approval of the FY 2019 Operating Budget on May 31, 2018, final state calculations received on June 8, 2018, provided an additional \$500,000 in funding. The school system requests the approval of this revenue in Category 12 – Fixed Charges to assist in offsetting the Health Fund Deficit.

The school system appreciates your consideration of these categorical transfers to provide the necessary funding to maintain class size ratios and provide for a restorative justice position, as well as the approval of the additional state revenue in Category 12 – Fixed Charges.