

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Resolution No. 106-2020

Introduced: July 6, 2020

Auditor: Lisa Geerman

Fiscal Impact:

The Resolution increases the Board of Education's total general fund budget by \$7,751,999 but has no impact on the County budget or County expenditures. The County General Fund Appropriation remains at \$620,300,000.

The net effect to the Fiscal Year 2021 Board of Education (BOE) Operating Budget is noted in the attached Exhibit A. We have confirmed the validity of the transfer amounts by tying them to the score sheets that were voted on by the BOE at their meeting on June 18, 2020.

Purpose:

The purpose of Council Resolution 106-2020 is to amend the Howard County BOE Operating Budget for FY 2021, as adopted by CR63-2020, to add an additional \$7,751,999 appropriation in the General Fund. This amount includes the following:

- \$7,502,000 from the use of school funds consisting of:
 - An \$8,000,000 increase from the use of fund balance,
 - A \$750,000 decrease in estimated investment income, and
 - A \$252,000 increase related to the Gifted and Talented (G/T) Summer Institute
- \$250,000 from an increase in federal funding for an estimated Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursement to be received in FY 2021
- A decrease of \$1 in state funding due to a rounding adjustment in the MSDE Special Education formula

The resolution also makes categorical transfers to align with anticipated funding and expenses. Refer to Exhibit A for the details.

Other Comments:

None.

Exhibit A: Net Effect of Changes

Category	Approved Budget	Transfer Inc./(Dec.)	Revised Budget
Administration	\$13,578,591	(\$234,979)	\$13,343,612
Mid-Level Administration	64,089,827	(1,032,638)	63,057,189
Instruction	383,728,252	(8,662,274)	375,065,978
Special Education	120,805,585	11,373,434	132,179,019
Student Personnel Services	3,982,752	296,835	4,279,587
Student Health Services	9,302,729	900,981	10,203,710
Student Transportation	42,801,337	3,942,938	46,744,275
Operation of Plant	42,167,830	1,249,320	43,417,150
Maintenance of Plant	26,703,528	(79,357)	26,624,171
Fixed Charges	195,558,711	840,675	196,399,386
Community Services	7,289,364	(826,840)	6,462,524
Capital Outlay	929,204	(16,096)	913,108
Total General Fund Budget	\$910,937,710	\$7,751,999	\$918,689,709

School Construction	92,652,000	-	92,652,000
Food and Nutrition	16,545,406	(113,617)	16,431,789
Print Services	1,606,347	861,877	2,468,224
Information & Network Technology	14,184,998	(919,198)	13,265,800
Health	173,202,400	(10,138,626)	163,063,774
Worker's Compensation	2,617,775	(208,500)	2,409,275
Grants	40,000,000	5,000,000	45,000,000
Glenelg Wastewater Treatment Plant	253,000	-	253,000
Jim Rouse Theater	215,000	-	215,000
Total Restricted Funds	\$341,276,926	(\$5,518,064)	\$335,758,862

Debt Service	52,328,909	-	52,328,909
Other Post-Employment Benefits	7,958,723	-	7,958,723
Total Other Expenses	\$60,287,632	-	\$60,287,632

Grand Total	\$1,312,502,268	\$2,233,935	\$1,314,736,203
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