BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON TRANSFERS BETWEEN STATE CATEGORIES FOR THE FY2024 BUDGET

May 20, 2024

Background Information:

The Budget Office continuously monitors the status of revenues and expenditures throughout the budget cycle. At fiscal year-end, actual expenditures cannot exceed amounts budgeted in each of the fourteen state reporting categories (Administrative Services, Mid-Level, Instructional Salaries, etc.) that comprise the HCPS Operating Budget. Inter-category budget transfers are necessary to align system resources with student needs, enrollment changes and staffing, program, facility and service requirements.

Discussion:

The Budget Office requests the following inter-category transfers to account for total expenditures through June 30, 2024:

<u>Instructional Salaries:</u> - Instructional Salaries are projected to be very close to budget by June 30, 2024. Because of the unpredictability of year-end teacher in-service pay, we request funds be transferred from *Mid-Level Administration and Transportation*.

<u>Non-Public Placements:</u> – Non-Public Placements are expected to be higher than budgeted by June 30, 2024. We request funds be transferred from *Operation of Plant and Fixed Charges*.

<u>Instructional Supplies and Materials:</u> - Instructional Supplies and Equipment are projected to be higher than budgeted by June 30, 2024. We request a transfer from projected savings from *Fixed Charges*.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends approval of the inter-category budget transfers in the amount of \$4,000,000.00, in accordance with Section 5-105 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Harford County Public Schools Inter-Category Operating Budget Transfer for Fiscal Year 2024

RE: Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Alignment REVERSING

DATE: May 20, 2024 Fiscal Year: 2023-2024

				Present		Revised
Accounting Unit	Expense	Description	Expense	Appropriation	Transfer	Appropriation
103-xxx-001-xxx	51100	Instuctional Salaries	Professional-Regular Program	\$161,101,178	\$1,000,000	\$162,101,178
106-001-007-990	52220	Non-Public Placement	Contracted Instruction	\$8,060,792	\$2,000,000	\$10,060,792
104-xxx-001-990	53510	Instructional Supplies and Materials	Textbooks	\$641,214	\$1,000,000	\$1,641,214
					\$4,000,000	
				Present		Revised
Account Number	Expense	Description	Expense	Appropriation	Transfer	Appropriation
102-xxx-015-105	51100	Mid-Level Administration	Professional Salaries	\$19,319,795	-\$250,000	\$19,069,795
109-001-990-805	52285	Transportation	Bus Contracts	\$30,580,734	-\$750,000	\$29,830,734
110-001-031-840	54765	Operation of Plant	Communications	\$491,660	-\$100,000	\$391,660
110-xxx-031-825	51115	Operation of Plant	Custodial Salaries	\$12,942,321	-\$400,000	\$12,542,321
112-001-990-991	54690	Fixed Charges	Health Insurance	\$94,630,235	-\$2,500,000	\$92,130,235
					-\$4,000,000	

JUSTIFICATION:

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Inter-Category Operating Budget Transfer Approval

Date	Superintendent of Schools	
Date	President, Board of Education of Harford County	
Date	Harford County Executive	
Date	President, County Council of Harford County	

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