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Staff: Nicole Rodriguez-Hernandez, Legislative Analyst
Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected
Keywords: #MCPS

AGENDA ITEM #8
June 15, 2021
Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools, \$251,233 for Early Childhood High-Quality Inclusion Policies and Practices Grant under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B Grant (Source of Funds: Federal Grant)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The County Council will receive testimony and consider action on a special appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools, \$251,233 for the Early Childhood High-Quality Inclusion Policies and Practices Grant under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B Grant. The source of funds is a Federal grant.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The Board of Education requested this appropriation on May 13. The Council introduced this appropriation on May 18.
- This special appropriation is needed because MCPS received additional funding from the U.S. Department of Education through the Maryland State Department of Education. This award represents an increase of \$251,233 more than the amount of \$34,461,038 in the MCPS FY21 Operating Budget.
- MCPS must utilize these funds to foster and facilitate high-quality, inclusive practices for three- and four-year-old students with disabilities. MCPS will also be able to foster professional learning through job-embedded coaching for inclusion and specially designed instruction.

This report contains:

Board of Education Document (May 13, 2021)
Draft Special Appropriation Resolution

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Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

May 13, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marc Elrich, County Executive
The Honorable Tom Hucker, President,
Montgomery County Council

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Transmittal of Board of Education Agenda Item #9.12

Recommended Fiscal Year 2021 Supplemental Appropriation for Early Childhood High-Quality Inclusion Policies and Practices Grant under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B Grant

BOE Meeting Date: May 11, 2021

Amount: \$251,233

Type of Action: Approval

JRS:DKM:jp

Attachment


Copy to:
Mr. Marella
Montgomery County Office of Management and Budget

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

May 11, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Recommended Fiscal Year 2021 Supplemental Appropriation for Early Childhood High-Quality Inclusion Policies and Practices Grant under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B Grant

Recommendation in Brief

Authorization is requested to receive and expend, subject to County Council approval, a Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 supplemental appropriation of \$251,233 for the Early Childhood High-Quality Inclusion Policies and Practices Grant under the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA), Part B Grant. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has been awarded \$34,712,271 for the FY 2021 IDEA, Part B grant from the United States Department of Education through the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). This award represents an increase of \$251,233 more than the amount of \$34,461,038 in the FY 2021 Operating Budget.

Background

The purpose of this grant is to foster and facilitate high-quality, inclusive practices for three- and four-year-old students with disabilities. In addition, it offers MCPS the opportunity to create systemic change while providing professional learning through job-embedded coaching for inclusion and specially designed instruction.

Support of Board of Education Mission

In addition, the Early Childhood High-Quality Inclusion Policies and Practices grant opportunity aligns with MCPS strategic priorities. These strategic priorities include learning, accountability, and results for students with disabilities; and community partnerships and engagement while assuring equity, access, and opportunity for achievement of academic, functional, and behavioral outcomes specific to MCPS' children and youth with disabilities and their families.

In collaboration with MSDE, MCPS will increase the inclusion and engagement of prekindergarten-aged students with disabilities in general education classes and opportunities. This collaboration provides prekindergarten students with disabilities the opportunity to learn kindergarten readiness skills within the general education setting using evidence-based practices and instruction; to have increased opportunities to engage in the same social and emotional learning experiences afforded to their general education peers in order to maximize each student's success; and to prepare them for their kindergarten year and beyond.

In addition, the grant activities will promote racial equity and social justice. By looking through the lens of equity and culturally responsive practices, positive outcomes in perspectives, instruction, and interventions that promote equal access to learning and success for all students will result.

Use of Funds

Funds will be used to provide for:

- Special education instructional salaries; and
- Fixed charges.

Recommended Resolution

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools has received notification from the Maryland State Department of Education that it will receive an additional \$251,233 for the Early Childhood High-Quality Inclusion Policies and Practices grant under the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*, Part B; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend, subject to County Council approval, a Fiscal Year 2021 supplemental appropriation of \$251,233 for the Early Childhood High-Quality Inclusion Policies and Practices grant under the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*, Part B grant in the following categories:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 06 Special Education | \$ 176,838 |
| 12 Fixed Charges | 74,395 |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>\$ 251,233</u> |

and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the county executive and County Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive be requested to recommend approval of this resolution to the County Council.

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Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: May 18, 2021
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Public Schools
Early Childhood High- Quality Inclusion Policies and Practices Grant,\$251,233
Source of Funds: Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Act, Part B
Grant

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 \$251,233 for the Montgomery County Public Schools' FY21 Operating Budget for an IDEA, Part B Grant from the U.S. Department of Education through the Maryland State Department of Education:

| <u>Personnel</u> <u>Services</u> | <u>Operating</u> <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Capital</u> <u>Outlay</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Source</u> <u>of Funds</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| \$251,233 | \$0 | \$0 | \$251,233 | Grant |

3. 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.
4. Notice of public hearing was given and the public hearing was held.
5. 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 FY21 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Public Schools is approved as follows:

| <u>Personnel Services</u> | <u>Operating Expenses</u> | <u>Capital Outlay</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Source of Funds</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| \$251,233 | \$0 | \$0 | \$251,233 | Grant |

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council