

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: April 17, 2012

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF THE FY2012 OPERATING BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFER**

ORIGINATOR: Renee A. Foose, Deputy Superintendent

RESOURCE PERSON(S): Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer
George Sarris, Director, Office of Budget and Reporting

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education members approve the attached budget appropriation transfer.

This budget appropriation transfer is a request to the county to re-appropriate funds between categories. Fiscal Services sets deadlines each spring to provide for a timely closure of financial books as of June 30. As part of that process, decisions are made to transfer funds between categories to balance general fund appropriations for the fiscal year. Expenditure decisions are subject to the availability of funds.

Attachment I: Budget Appropriation Transfer Form
Attachment II: Summary of Increase/Decrease by Category

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Budget Appropriation Transfer												
Number: 12 -1												
Summary of Increases by Category												
04- Instructional Textbooks and Supplies	A transfer of \$1,600,000 will provide funds required for principals' reallocation of school budgets (\$1,403,000), mandatory replacement of football helmets (\$60,000), laptop carts, computers and projectors for overcrowded schools (\$72,000), and furniture for the relocation of psychologists to Woodlawn Middle School office space (\$65,000).											
05- Other Instructional Costs	A transfer of \$750,000 will provide funds required for principals' reallocation of school budgets (\$25,000), growing enrollment in the state SEED school (\$370,000), juvenile services education fees (\$260,000), and a replacement astronomy lab (\$95,000).											
07 - Student Personnel	A transfer of \$75,000 will provide funds required for furniture for the relocation of pupil personnel workers (PPWs) to Woodlawn Middle School office space.											
08- Health Services	A transfer of \$275,000 will provide funds required for salaries due to low turnover.											
11- Maintenance of Plant	A transfer of \$1,965,000 will provide funds required for salaries due to low turnover (\$1,370,000), priority maintenance and construction projects (\$500,000), and FEMA reimbursements for tropical storms Irene and Lee (\$95,000).											
Summary of Decreases by Category												
03 - Instructional Salaries	A transfer of \$2,700,000 in salary savings will be redirected to salary expenditures in health services, principals' re-allocation of school budgets, replacement of football helmets, laptop carts, computers and projectors for overcrowded schools, SEED school, juvenile services fees, a replacement astronomy lab, and furniture for the relocation of psychologists and PPWs to Woodlawn Middle School office space.											
10- Operation of Plant	A transfer of \$1,965,000 from lower utility and fuel oil consumption will be redirected for salaries in maintenance of plant, and priority maintenance and construction projects.											