

AGENDA ITEM #5
June 19, 2018
Public Hearing/Action

MEMORANDUM

June 15, 2018

TO: County Council

FROM: Craig Howard, Senior Legislative Analyst ^{CH}

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing/Action – Special Appropriation to the FY18 Capital Budget and Amendment to the FY17-22 Capital Improvements Program, Montgomery County Public Schools, \$1,705,821 for Technology Modernization Project, Federal E-Rate Reimbursement**

PURPOSE: Hold a public hearing and take final action

Today the County Council will hold a public hearing and consider action on a special appropriation to the FY18 Capital Budget and Amendment to the FY17-22 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), \$1,705,821 for the Technology Modernization Project. The source of funds is Federal E-Rate Reimbursement.

The Board of Education requested this appropriation and CIP amendment on May 21, 2018 (transmittal attached beginning at ©1). A draft appropriation resolution is at ©4-5. The Council introduced this supplemental appropriation on May 24.

The Education Committee discussed this appropriation request during its budget deliberations this spring regarding the Technology Modernization project, and recommended approval of the appropriation. This appropriation is necessary so that MCPS can spend the anticipated Federal E-Rate Reimbursement Funding that it requests and the Council appropriates as one of the funding resources for the MCPS Technology Modernization capital project.

Council staff recommends approval of the special appropriation and CIP amendment, as requested by the Board of Education.

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

May 22, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Isiah Leggett, County Executive
The Honorable Hans Riemer, President, Montgomery County Council

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Transmittal of Board of Education Agenda Item #7.9

Fiscal Year 2018 Supplemental Appropriation Request for Technology Modernization

BOE Meeting Date: May 21, 2018

Amount: \$1,705,821

Type of Action: Approval

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Attachment

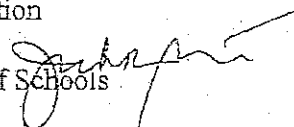
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Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

May 21, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Fiscal Year 2018 Supplemental Appropriation Request for Technology Modernization

Background

The County Council has approved the expenditure of Federal Education Rate (E-Rate) funds in the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Capital Improvements Program since Fiscal Year 2010. E-Rate, the Federal Communication Commission's Schools and Libraries Program, provides incentives for the use of technology in schools by offering rebates on Internet and telecommunication service costs. MCPS has used E-Rate rebates to support improving student access to technology by purchasing technology hardware and software. These rebates apply to expenditure costs the district incurs for Internet, telephone (landlines and wireless) services, and network connections.

The expanded use of technology remains a significant strategy in realizing the improvement initiatives articulated in our Strategic Priorities. During the past four years, work has centered on expanding access to enhance digital learning infrastructure to staff members and students directly in the classroom from anywhere and at any time. This work specifically allowed for the expansion and enhancement of wireless networks to all buildings and the purchase and implementation of Chromebooks and other mobile devices. These initiatives have provided greater access to the school system's expanding digital curriculum and is enabling our instructional staff to cultivate 21st century learning spaces in all of our schools. These initiatives directly support and align to the district's ongoing conversion to a digital curriculum and commitment to increased access to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics courses and experiences.

An important next step in this work is to ensure access to technology beyond the school day for students. As more content and curriculum become available in a digital format, students are expected to participate in collaborative learning experiences beyond the school day. Whether it is for homework completion, previewing videos and podcasts related to an upcoming unit, working with a group on a digital project, or accessing resources for extra help, the need

for students to have access to a device beyond the school day is essential to ensuring equity of access for all students. In order to provide increased access to technology for students beyond the school day, MCPS intends to implement a device loaner program in which students will be able to check out a device from their local school to use at school and at home. This process will be similar to checking out a library book or being assigned a textbook. Additional funding is necessary to support the cost for this program.

Secondly, MCPS is seeking to expand access to interactive panels to all secondary classrooms. During the 2008-2009 school year, MCPS installed Promethean interactive whiteboards and related instructional technologies to 65 percent of all secondary classrooms. In 2013, MCPS continued the Promethean rollout to all elementary school core classrooms. Since that time, additional efforts have been made to supply interactive whiteboards to the remaining secondary classrooms through various means including grants, repurposing older boards as schools underwent building modernization, and Parent Teacher Association partnerships. Additional funding to support the expansion of new interactive panels at the secondary level will help provide equitable access to these classroom technologies.

It is recommended that the Board request a \$1,705,821 supplemental appropriation to assist with the additional funding necessary to implement a mobile device loaner program and the expansion of interactive panels to equip secondary classrooms that currently do not have interactive whiteboards. Therefore, I recommend that the Board approve the following resolution.

WHEREAS, Federal Education Rate funds in the amount of \$1,705,821 are available as a Fiscal Year 2018 appropriation to provide additional funding necessary to assist with the purchase of mobile devices for a student device loaner initiative and for Promethean interactive whiteboards for select secondary classrooms; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education request a Fiscal Year 2018 supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,705,821 to expand Federal Education Rate funds received in 2018 to support the implementation of a student device loaner initiative and the expansion of interactive panel technologies in classrooms that do not have Promethean interactive whiteboards; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be provided to the county executive and the Montgomery County Council

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Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the FY18 Capital Budget, and
Amendment to the FY17-22 Capital Improvements Program,
Montgomery County Public Schools,
Technology Modernization Project, \$1,705,821
Source of Funds: Federal E-Rate Reimbursement

Background

1. Section 5-105 (d) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides for the expenditure of non-local funds by the County Board of Education after adoption of the budget, only with the approval of the County fiscal authority.
2. 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.
3. Section 302 of the County Charter provides that the Council may amend an approved capital improvements program at any time by an affirmative vote of no fewer than six members of the Council.
4. On May 21, the Board of Education requested a special appropriation for the Montgomery County Public Schools' FY18 Technology Modernization Capital Project as follows:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
Technology Modernization	P036510	\$1,705,821	Federal E-Rate Reimbursement

5. This increase is needed to support MCPS' programs to provide access to technology for students beyond the school day and to expand access to interactive panels to all secondary classrooms.
6. Notice of public hearing was given and public hearing was held.
7. 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 for the FY18 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY17-22 Capital Improvements Program of the Montgomery County Public Schools is approved as follows:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
Technology Modernization	P036510	\$1,705,821	Federal E-Rate Reimbursement

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq.
Clerk of the Council