

Resolution No.: 18-123  
Introduced: April 14, 2015  
Adopted: May 5, 2015

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Lead Sponsor: County Council

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**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation to the FY15 Operating Budget,  
Montgomery County Public Schools,  
Comprehensive Assessment System Solutions Project, \$633,145  
Source of Funds: Maryland State Department of Education

**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. On February 10, the Board of Education requested a special appropriation for the Montgomery County Public Schools' FY15 Operating Budget as follows:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$633,145	Cat 1, Administration	MSDE grant

4. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) awarded Montgomery County Public Schools this grant for the Race to the Top Comprehensive Assessment System Solutions Project. This project will enable MCPS to create a single assessment platform and integrate the two platforms currently used to create, store, disseminate, administer, collect, and display formative assessment items and data. It will also facilitate the transition to an online assessment platform for use by all relevant stakeholders.
5. Notice of public hearing was given and public hearing was held.

6. 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 FY15 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Public Schools is approved as follows:

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\$633,145	Cat 1, Administration	MSDE grant

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council