



**Committee:** Directly to Council  
**Committee Review:** N/A  
**Staff:** Vivian Yao  
**Purpose:** To receive testimony/final action - vote expected

AGENDA ITEM #6  
March 24, 2020  
**Public Hearing/Action**

## **SUBJECT**

Supplemental Appropriation to the County Government's FY 20 Operating Budget, Department of Health and Human Services – Increase Somatic and Mental Health Services at Montgomery County Public Schools, \$358,331 (Source of Funds: Maryland State Department of Education Grant)

## **EXPECTED ATTENDEES**

None

## **COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

- The supplemental appropriation was introduced on March 10, 2020.
- No Committee review. Council staff recommends approval.

## **DESCRIPTION/ISSUE**

MCPS received funding from the Maryland State Department of Education for the Concentration of Poverty School Grant program, established through Senate Bill 1030, *the Blueprint for Maryland's Future*. The program provides financial assistance for community supports and wraparound services to local education agencies and schools with high numbers or percentages of students from low-income families.

MCPS is collaborating with DHHS to fulfill the requirements of the program by increasing somatic and mental health services to support students and families at eight elementary schools in which at least 80% of students were eligible to participate in the Free and Reduced-price Meals Program during the 2017-2018 school year.

## **SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS**

DHHS will provide services and bill MCPS for reimbursement as follows:

- \$126,384 for three School Community Health Nurses (annualized cost of \$303,321) and
- \$231,947 for contractual mental health services (annualized cost of \$556,673).

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Marc Elrich  
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

February 26, 2020

TO: Sidney Katz, President, County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive *Marc Elrich*

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #20-454 to the FY20 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Increase Somatic and Mental Health Services at Montgomery County Public  
Schools, \$358,331

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of \$358,331 for providing services to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to fulfill requirements of the Maryland Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program. This appropriation will fund three School Community Health Nurses and contractual support for mental health services.

This supplemental appropriation is needed because MCPS received funding from the Maryland State Department of Education for the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program. MCPS is collaborating with the DHHS to increase somatic and mental health services to support students and families. DHHS will provide services and bill MCPS for reimbursement.

- a. The amount of \$126,384 would support three School Community Health Nurses. The annualized cost for the services will be \$303,321.
- b. The amount of \$231,947 would provide contractual support for mental health services. The annualized cost for the services will be \$556,673.

I recommend that the County Council approve this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$358,331 and specify the source of funds as Maryland State Department of Education Grant.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:ll

Sidney Katz, President  
February 26, 2020  
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Attachment: Supplemental Appropriation #20-454

cc: Dr. Raymond L. Crowel, Psy.D., Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
Richard S. Madaleno, Director, Office of Management and Budget  
Lisa Mandel-Trupp, Chief of Staff to Council President

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Appropriation #20-454 to the FY20 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Government  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Increase Somatic and Mental Health Services at Montgomery County Public  
Schools, \$358,331

Background

1. Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week's notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of five Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
2. The County Executive has requested the following FY20 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Health and Human Services:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$126,384	\$231,947	\$0	\$358,331	Maryland State Department of Education Grant

3. This increase is needed because Montgomery County Public Schools received funding from the Maryland State Department of Education for the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program. Montgomery County Public Schools is collaborating with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services to provide additional school health nurses and to increase somatic and mental health services to support students and families. Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services will provide services and bill Montgomery County Public Schools for reimbursement.
  - a. The amount of \$126,384 would support three School Community Health Nurses. The annualized cost for the services will be \$303,321.
  - b. The amount of \$231,947 would provide contractual support for mental health services. The annualized cost for the services will be \$556,673.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget in the amount of \$358,331 for three School Community Health Nurses and contractual support for mental health services and specifies that the source of funds is Maryland State Department of Education Grant.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

A supplemental appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$126,384	\$231,947	\$0	\$358,331	Maryland State Department of Education Grant

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.,  
Clerk of the Council

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

November 12, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education  
From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools  
Subject: Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program

**Background**

Senate Bill 1030, *The Blueprint for Maryland's Future*, established the Concentration of Poverty Grant Program to help ensure all students meet challenging state academic standards. Specifically, the program provides financial assistance for community supports and wraparound services to local educational agencies and schools with high numbers or percentages of students from low-income families. Schools in which at least 80 percent of students were eligible to participate in the Free and Reduced-price Meals Program during the 2017–2018 school year are eligible to receive funding. For Fiscal Year 2020, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has been awarded \$1,990,664 to coordinate and provide services for students and families at eight schools that met the criteria (Attachment).

Based on the guidelines set forth by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), each identified school is required to employ a staff member to serve as a community school liaison to work with school teams, community agencies, families, and stakeholders to complete a comprehensive needs assessment and strategic plan for expanding educational opportunities and wraparound services. In addition, schools without a full-time school community health nurse, five days per week, are required to increase hours to provide healthcare coverage while students are in school. Those schools that currently do not have a school-based health center have to use funding to increase healthcare services. With the remaining funds, schools are able to increase mental health support, somatic health care, and other wraparound services designed to increase attendance, engagement, achievement, and health and wellness. MCPS is collaborating with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide additional somatic and mental health care services, through School Health Services and Linkages to Learning, respectively.

An initial meeting was held on July 23, 2019, with DHHS staff members and principals of the eight schools at which time Senate Bill 1030 was discussed and the implications for schools was presented. With the expectations set forth in Senate Bill 1030, principals met with their leadership teams and community stakeholders to determine how to support students and families. In late September, principals submitted their spending plans which specified staffing needs (i.e., school community liaison, healthcare providers, and mental health providers), as well as the wraparound services to promote student success. Examples of the wraparound services include vision and dental care, and supports to improve school attendance. In early October, the chief financial officer and chief

academic officer reviewed and approved all spending plans and hiring for the community school liaisons, community health nurses and mental health providers began. The attachment includes details of each school's spending plan.

**Recommended Resolution**

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools has received receive \$1,990,664 from the Maryland State Department of Education for the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools will use the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program funding to provide Community School Liaisons to coordinate and provide services to Gaithersburg, Harmony Hills, Highland, JoAnn Leleck at Broad Acres, New Hampshire Estates, Sargent Shriver, South Lake and Wheaton Woods elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools is collaborating with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services to increase somatic and mental health services to support students and families; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the spending of the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program funds in the following categories:

Category	Amount
Community School Liaison and Coordination	\$799,936
Full-time Health Services	\$282,500
Mental Health Services	\$745,683
Other Wraparound Services	\$162,545
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,990,664</b>

and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education provide spending authority up to \$1,190,728 with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services for full-time health services, mental health services and other wraparound services to support students and families; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the placement of a Community School Liaison in each of the eight schools that met the criteria of the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program up to \$799,936; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to execute all other documents and grant any approvals necessary for this transaction.

JRS:MVN:ss

Attachment

**Budgeted Expenditures, by School and Category**

School	Category	Amount
Gaithersburg Elementary School	Community school liaison	\$81,342
	Mental health therapist	\$141,252
	Other wraparound services	\$26,239
Harmony Hills Elementary School	Community school liaison	\$131,075
	Social worker	\$91,281
	Other wraparound services	\$26,477
Highland Elementary School	Community school liaison	\$131,075
	School community health nurse	\$43,535
	Mental health therapist	\$74,223
JoAnn Leleck Elementary School at Broad Acres	Community school liaison	\$131,075
	Social worker	\$94,505
	Other wraparound services	\$23,253
New Hampshire Estates Elementary School	Community school liaison	\$81,342
	Parent community coordinator	\$93,860
	Other wraparound services	\$73,631
Sargent Shriver Elementary School	Community school liaison	\$81,342
	School community health nurse	\$80,000
	Mental health therapist	\$74,223
	Other wraparound services	\$13,268
South Lake Elementary School	Community school liaison	\$81,342
	School community health nurse	\$60,000
	Mental health therapist	\$74,223
	Other wraparound services	\$33,268
Wheaton Woods Elementary School	Community school liaison	\$81,342
	School community health nurse	\$83,808
	Mental health therapist	\$74,223
	Other wraparound services	\$9,460
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,990,664</b>

Please note that projected costs are estimates based on average salaries and will change based on the experience of the staff members hired for each position. Funds not used for personnel will be allocated to increase wraparound services.