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Committee Review: N/A
Staff: Craig Howard, Deputy Director
Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected
Keywords: MCPS

AGENDA ITEM #9
June 23, 2020
Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools, \$123,000 for the Verizon Innovative Learning Program Grant (Source of Funds: Digital Promise)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The County Council will hold a public hearing and consider action on a special appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools, \$123,000 for the Verizon Innovative Learning Program grant. The source of funds is a Digital Promise grant.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The Board of Education requested this appropriation on June 11, and the Council introduced this appropriation on June 16.
- Montgomery County Public Schools has received notice from Digital Promise that it will receive \$123,000 for the Verizon Innovative Learning Program in FY20, which will support efforts in creating innovative learning environments in middle schools.

This report contains:

Draft Special Appropriation Resolution
Board of Education Request (June 11, 2020)

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Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: June 16, 2020
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Public Schools
Verizon Innovative Learning Program Grant, \$123,000
Source of Funds: Digital Promise

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 \$123,000 for the Montgomery County Public Schools' FY20 Operating Budget for a Verizon Innovative Learning Program Grant from the Digital Promise:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$4,320	\$118,680	\$0	\$123,000	Grant

3. This appropriation is needed to provide spending authority for the use of grant funds received from the Digital Promise. 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 a 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 FY20 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>
\$4,320	\$118,680	\$0	\$123,000	Grant

This is a correct copy of Council action.


Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council

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

June 11, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marc Elrich, County Executive
The Honorable Sidney A. Katz, President,
Montgomery County Council

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Transmittal of Board of Education Agenda Item #9.19

Recommended Fiscal Year 2020 Supplemental Appropriation for Verizon Innovative Learning Program

BOE Meeting Date:	June 11, 2020
Amount:	\$123,000
Type of Action:	Approval

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Attachment

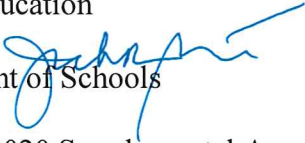
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Montgomery County Office of Management and Budget

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

June 11, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Recommended Fiscal Year 2020 Supplemental Appropriation for Verizon Innovative Learning Program

Recommendation in Brief

Authorization is requested to receive and expend, subject to County Council approval, a Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$123,000 for a Verizon Innovative Learning program through Digital Promise. A notice of grant award for \$123,000 has been received from Digital Promise. For FY 2020, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has exhausted available funds from the future supported projects. Therefore, an authorization of supplemental appropriation is needed.

Background

With the support of Verizon Foundation and Verizon Wireless, Digital Promise is collaborating with a number of middle schools nationwide to create innovative learning environments and document the process so others can learn from the experiences of these schools. The MCPS schools participating in this project are Argyle, Forest Oak, and Neelsville middle schools.

Digital Promise will provide the following:

- A device for each student and each teacher at the participating schools during the first two years of the project. Each device will be equipped with a 10 GB monthly data plan for access to education resources on the internet when the user is away from school. If needed, increases in student enrollment will be supported by additional devices.
- A device repair program that MCPS will manage to cover repairs of accidental damage and device failure during the first two years of the project.
- Ongoing project planning and implementation of best practices and support for Information Technology professional learning.
- Professional learning for MCPS staff who will facilitate professional learning for teachers and staff at the participating schools and support in identifying, implementing, and tracking the professional learning of teachers and staff at each participating school.

- Professional learning for all teachers and staff involved in the project at the participating schools provided both in person and virtually.
- A dedicated website with resources to support professional learning and design of classroom activities.

Support of Board of Education Mission

The Verizon Innovative Learning Program is supported by the District Implementation Plan for the Strategic Priorities—an opportunity to prioritize increased student interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics subjects and careers, and increased teacher and student proficiency with technology. The grant funds will enable MCPS to intensify efforts to improve performance and develop problem solving, communication, and collaboration skills.

Use of Funds

Funds will be used to provide for:

- Stipends;
- Associated Employee Benefits; and
- Instructional Materials.

Recommended Resolution

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools has received notification from Digital Promise that it will receive \$123,000 for the Verizon Innovative Learning Program; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend, subject to the notice of grant award from Digital Promise, and County Council approval, a Fiscal Year 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$123,000 for the Verizon Innovative Learning Program in the following categories:

Category	Amount
03 Instructional Salaries	\$4,000
04 Textbook and Instructional Supplies	\$118,680
12 Fixed Charges	\$320
Total	\$123,000

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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