

Resolution No.: 15-1380
Introduced: February 28, 2006
Adopted: March 28, 2006

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Councilmember Silverman

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the FY06 Capital Budget
Montgomery County Public Schools
ADA Compliance: MCPS (No. 796235): \$75,000

Background

1. Article 3, Section 308, of the Charter of Montgomery County, Maryland, provides that a special appropriation: (a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency; or to act without delay in the public interest; (b) must specify the revenues to finance it; and (c) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. Montgomery County Public Schools currently leases the former Rollingwood Elementary School facility to a private school. The facility is also used as a polling place for primary and general elections.
3. Montgomery County Public Schools staff has identified potential ADA accessibility improvements that can be made to the school that would significantly improve pedestrian access to the Rollingwood facility's multi-purpose room. These improvements would include the creation of two designated handicapped parking spaces as well as a new sidewalk to a new entrance to the multi-purpose room.
4. A special appropriation to accomplish these improvements is needed as follows:

| <u>Project Name</u> | <u>Project Number</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Source of Funds</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| ADA Compliance: MCPS | 796235 | <u>75,000</u> | G.O. Bonds |
| TOTAL | | <u>\$75,000</u> | |

5. If the special appropriation can be approved in March 2006, Montgomery County Public Schools staff has indicated that the improvements can be completed in time for the primary election in September 2006.

6. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held on March 14, 2006.
7. The Education Committee discussed this issue on March 23, 2006 and recommended approval and also recommended that the source of funds be current revenue.
8. 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.

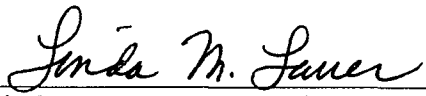
Action

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

A special appropriation to the FY06 Capital Budget is approved for the Montgomery County Public Schools as follows and as shown on the attached project description form.

| <u>Project Name</u> | <u>Project Number</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Source of Funds</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| ADA Compliance: MCPS | 796235 | <u>75,000</u> | Current Revenue: General |
| TOTAL | | <u>\$75,000</u> | |

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

ADA Compliance: MCPS -- No. 796235

Category
Agency
Planning Area
Relocation Impact

Montgomery County Public Schools
Public Schools
Countywide

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Required Adequate Public Facility

May 24, 2005
7-58 (02 App)
NO

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

| Cost Element | Total | Thru FY04 | Rem. FY04 | Total 6 Years | FY05 | FY06 | FY07 | FY08 | FY09 | FY10 | Beyond 6 Years |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------|--------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| Planning, Design and Supervision | 1,242 | 0 | 0 | 1,242 | 207 | 207 | 207 | 207 | 207 | 207 | 0 |
| Land | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Site Improvements and Utilities | 4238 | | | 4113 | | | | | | | |
| Construction | 4283 | 0 | 65 | 3088 | 683 | 758 683 | 683 | 683 | 683 | 683 | 0 |
| Other | 5480 | | | 5415 | | | | | | | |
| Total | 5408 5,408 | 0 | 65 | 5,240 | 890 | 890 | 890 | 890 | 890 | 890 | 0 |

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

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|------------|-------|---|----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| G.O. Bonds | 5,405 | 0 | 65 | 5,340 | 890 | 890 | 890 | 890 | 890 | 890 | 0 |
|------------|-------|---|----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

Current Revenue - General 75
DESCRIPTION 75 75

Federal and State laws require MCPS to provide program accessibility for all of its activities and to consider various forms of accessibility improvements at existing facilities on a continuing basis. While MCPS provides program accessibility in a manner consistent with current laws, a significant number of existing facilities not scheduled for modernization in the current six-year CIP are at least partially inaccessible for a variety of disabling conditions. Some combination of elevators, wheelchair lifts, restroom modifications, and other site-specific improvements are required at many of these facilities. Since disabilities of eligible individuals must be considered on a case-by-case basis, additional modifications such as automatic door openers, access ramps, and curb cuts may be required on an ad hoc basis even in facilities previously considered accessible. The increased mainstreaming of special education students has accelerated requests for modifications to existing facilities. In FY 1998 all funds were used to implement student and staff accommodation requests, and no funds were available for proactive improvements such as elevator additions to inaccessible portions of facilities.

This project contributes to significant cost avoidance, since transportation may have to be provided for individuals to other venues or programs. An FY 1998 supplemental appropriation was approved for \$400,000 to address critical ADA compliance projects. An FY 1999 supplemental appropriation was approved in the amount of \$250,000 to fund modifications to approximately 20 MCPS facilities. FY 2000 funding was used for priority accessibility projects. Funds approved in FY 2001 continued to provide accessibility modifications to approximately 20 school facilities.

An amendment to the FY 2001-2006 CIP was approved to address numerous requests for ADA compliance modifications. The FY 2002 appropriation continued to address accessibility modifications and provide some proactive modifications to school facilities. An FY 2003 appropriation was approved to continue this project and provide accessibility modifications to MCPS facilities. An FY 2004 appropriation was approved to continue this project at its current level of effort. An FY 2005 appropriation was approved to continue to provide ADA compliance modifications at various school facilities. An FY 2006 appropriation was approved to continue this project at its current level of effort. *An FY 2006 special appropriation for \$75,000 approved to provide accessibility improvements at the Rollingwood facility.*

* This project will continue indefinitely.

OTHER

ADA requirements are addressed in other projects, including many transportation and renovation projects.

FISCAL NOTE

State Reimbursement: Not eligible

| APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Date First Appropriation | FY79 | (\$000) |
| Initial Cost Estimate | | 600 |
| First Cost Estimate | | |
| Current Scope | FY96 | 16,615 |
| Last FY's Cost Estimate | | 6,463 |
| Present Cost Estimate | | 5,405 |
| Appropriation Request | FY06 | 890 |
| Supplemental Appropriation Request | FY06 06 | 750 |
| Transfer | | 0 |
| Cumulative Appropriation Expenditures/Encumbrances | | 955 |
| Unencumbered Balance | | 346 |
| Partial Closeout Thru | FY03 | 13,442 |
| New Partial Closeout | FY04 | 1,058 |
| Total Partial Closeout | | 14,500 |

COORDINATION
Advisory Committee for the Handicapped

