

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #07-131
FY07 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Public Schools
Automated External Defibrillator Program
\$400,000

Background

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation: (a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; (b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; (c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and (d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. The County Executive received the Board of Education's action of July 18, 2006, requesting a special appropriation to the operating budget as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
10 Operation of Plant and Equipment	\$ 400,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

3. During its 2006 session, the State Legislature approved a bill that requires local boards of education to develop an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) program for high schools. The legislation mandates that AEDs be located at all high schools and a trained individual be available to use the device at all high school athletic events. The Governor signed the bill into law and it became effective on July 1, 2006. The bill did not provide any financial support for equipment purchase or training. The FY07 budget for the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) did not include any funds for the AED program, so the BOE has requested a special appropriation for this purpose. Since the program must be in place for the beginning of the school year, MCPS will use resources now available in its current fund and use the special appropriation to restore the fund balance.
4. The County Executive recommends a special appropriation to the FY07 Operating Budget of MCPS for \$400,000 and has specified that the source of funds will be general fund undesignated reserves.
5. Notice of a public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

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

A special appropriation to the FY07 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Public Schools is approved as follows:

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This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council