

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

October 11, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Utilization of the Fiscal Year 2012 Provision for Future Supported Projects

The Provision for Future Supported Projects is a lump sum appropriation that allows the Board of Education, under certain conditions, to approve the receipt and expenditure of unanticipated grant funds throughout the year rather than request supplemental appropriations from the County Council. Shown below are descriptions of the grant projects. Detail is provided for each award, indicating the name of the project, the award amount, the number of positions, and the funding sources. There also is a brief summary of the purpose of each project and how the funds will be used.

Authorization is requested to receive and expend, within the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Provision for Future Supported Projects, grant awards totaling \$698,046 for the following continuing projects:

- Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program
- *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*—Least Restrictive Environment
- *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*—Alternate Maryland School Assessment
- Judith B. Hoyer (Judy) Center—Silver Spring
- Judith B. Hoyer (Judy) Center—Gaithersburg

**Continuing Projects**

Name of Project	Amount	Positions	Funding Source
Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program	\$ 83,000	None	United States Department of Education (USDE) through the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)

*Purpose of the project:* Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has received \$83,000 from USDE through MSDE for the implementation of the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program, which facilitates the identification, enrollment, and educational achievement of homeless children and youth. Tutoring and extended learning opportunities are provided to help homeless students meet state academic content and achievement standards. Professional development and other activities are conducted to increase understanding and sensitivity to the rights and needs of

homeless children and youth. The grant funds supported 672 homeless students during the 2009–2010 school year and 663 students during the 2010–2011 school year.

Grant funding will support supplemental instruction through regularly scheduled tutoring programs at specified homeless shelters and transitional housing programs located in Bethesda, Germantown, and Rockville. The tutoring programs will be facilitated through partnerships with local government and private, nonprofit organizations operating the shelter sites. In addition, MCPS will continue to collaborate with other agencies and organizations to address the needs of homeless children and their families. Schools will receive assistance in addressing questions and concerns regarding enrollment and transportation for homeless students. The project funds will provide for part-time salaries for tutors, related employee benefits, instructional materials, and student transportation.

<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
<i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)—Least Restrictive Environment</i>	\$ 59,968	None	USDE through MSDE

*Purpose of the project:* MCPS has received \$59,968 from USDE through MSDE for the IDEA—Least Restrictive Environment Project. The project will seek to address the academic achievement gap between students with disabilities and their nondisabled peers by providing professional development to Grade 7 coteaching teams in the areas of coteaching, Universal Design for Learning, assistive technology, differentiation, and collaborative planning. The project funds will be used to provide training supplies, substitute teacher salaries, professional part-time salaries, and related employee benefits.

<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
<i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)—Alternate Maryland School Assessment</i>	\$ 30,090	None	USDE through MSDE

*Purpose of the project:* MCPS has received \$30,090 from USDE through MSDE for the implementation of the Alternate Maryland School Assessment (Alt-MSA) Project as mandated by IDEA. Alt-MSA is the state assessment designed for students with disabilities who are unable to participate in a regular assessment, even when accommodations are provided. To implement Alt-MSA successfully, it is necessary to provide substitute coverage for special education teachers responsible for administering the assessment. The project funds will be used to provide training supplies, substitute teacher salaries, and related employee benefits.

<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Judith B. Hoyer (Judy) Center—Silver Spring	\$ 202,988	1.5	MSDE

*Purpose of the project:* MCPS has received \$202,988 from MSDE to support the Silver Spring Judy Center (SSJC). In its twelfth year of implementation, the program will operate to provide early

childhood comprehensive services to children and families in the Rolling Terrace Elementary School attendance area. The SSJC program currently serves approximately 435 children (119 in kindergarten, 2 in preschool special education programs, 20 in Head Start, 44 in prekindergarten, 168 from birth through age three, and 82 children under age 5 through community partnerships). Services are designed and planned in coordination with a number of public and private community partners. Also, parent/child educational classes help caretakers actively engage in their children's learning and staff development is provided for educators and staff to continue to increase knowledge in early education. Additionally, after-school science programs support children's skill levels, field trips expose children to life experiences, and cultural arts programs help students build literacy and language skills. The project will continue to fund the 1.0 program manager position and a .5 secretary position. In addition, funds will provide for temporary part-time salaries, related employee benefits, contractual services, and student transportation.

Name of Project	Amount	Positions	Funding Source
Judith B. Hoyer (Judy) Center— Gaithersburg	\$ 322,000	1.5	MSDE

*Purpose of the project:* MCPS has received \$322,000 from MSDE for the Judith B. Hoyer (Judy) Center—Gaithersburg (GJC). GJC is in its tenth year of operation and continues to promote school readiness for young children, including special needs children, within the high-poverty, ethnically diverse, and limited-English speaking populations of Rosemont, Summit Hall, and Washington Grove elementary schools. GJC: (1) provides links to comprehensive full-day/full-year early education/child care, including health-related services to children, birth through kindergarten; (2) offers parent literacy support and parenting instruction as well as coordinated linkages with other services that strengthen the home learning environment; and (3) sponsors professional development for child-care providers. In 2011, GJC served over 577 children, birth through 5 years old. GJC has 16 partners linking families with young children to comprehensive services in the community. The program will continue to fund the 1.0 program manager position and a .5 parent community coordinator position. In addition, funding will provide staff salaries, mentoring to families, parent involvement opportunities, and enrichment programs for children ages birth through five years old designed to support school readiness and improve student achievement. Services also will include referrals for children and families for health care, educational assessment, and early intervention. Funds will provide for instructional materials, field trips, professional part-time salaries, and related employee benefits. In addition, a portion of the grant funds will be used for child-care subsidies for working parents.

### **Recommended Resolution**

WHEREAS, The above-noted grants qualify for a transfer of appropriation from the Provision for Future Supported Projects, pursuant to the provisions of County Council Resolution No. 17-150, approved May 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The above-noted projects do not require any present or future county funds; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient appropriation is available within the Fiscal Year 2012 Provision for Future Supported Projects to permit the above-noted transfers within state categories; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized by the Montgomery County Board of Education to receive and expend \$698,046 within the Fiscal Year 2012 Provision for Future Supported Projects, as specified below:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Positions*</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program		\$ 83,000
<i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)—Least Restrictive Environment</i>		59,968
<i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)—Alternate Maryland School Assessment</i>		30,090
Judith B. Hoyer (Judy) Center—Silver Spring	1.5	202,988
Judith B. Hoyer (Judy) Center—Gaithersburg	<u>1.5</u>	<u>322,000</u>
Total	3.0	\$ 698,046

Positions\*

- 2.0 program managers
- .5 secretary
- .5 parent community coordinator

and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the county executive and the County Council.

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Attachment

## STATUS OF FY 2012 PROVISION FOR FUTURE SUPPORTED PROJECTS

CATEGORY	CURRENT APPROPRIATION	TRANSFERS TO/(FROM)	REVISED APPROPRIATION	PRIOR ALLOCATION	THIS ALLOCATION	UNALLOCATED BALANCE
1 Administration	\$ 445,899	\$ -	\$ 445,899	\$ (26,207)	\$ (27,480)	\$ 392,212
2 Mid-level Administration	867,793		867,793		(229,530)	638,263
3 Instructional Salaries	3,471,795		3,471,795	(372,926)	(70,448)	3,028,421
4 Textbooks & Instructional Supplies	625,021		625,021	(1,320)	(15,213)	608,488
5 Other Instructional Costs	2,297,149		2,297,149	(123,996)	(74,641)	2,098,512
6 Special Education	565,580		565,580	(470,944)	(83,738)	10,898
7 Student Personnel Services	322,991		322,991	(47,478)	(26,496)	249,017
9 Student Transportation	110,332		110,332		(33,345)	76,987
11 Maintenance of Plant	-		-	-	(3,382)	(3,382)
12 Fixed Charges	583,299		583,299	(28,740)	(133,773)	420,786
14 Community Services	158,495		158,495			158,495
61 Food Services Fund				(39,839)		(39,839)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,448,354</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 9,448,354</b>	<b>\$ (1,111,450)</b>	<b>\$ (698,046)</b>	<b>\$ 7,638,858</b>

## Projects:

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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 698,046</b>