

Item Title: Transfer Social Emotional Learning Reserve Funds to Wake County Public School System

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners approves the transfer of \$2,000,000 reserved for Social Emotional Learning from Non-Departmental to the Wake County Public School System.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners provides operating support to Wake County Public Schools through the annual budget and approves all appropriations of Wake County funds to the Wake County Public School System.

Background: On June 4, 2018, the Board of Commissioners adopted the Operating Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019. The Ordinance included a \$2,000,000 reserve appropriation for Social Emotional Learning initiatives identified by the Board of Education on page 150 of their Proposed FY 2019 Budget. Per section 4(c) of the ordinance, appropriation of the reserve funds is contingent upon the Board of Education taking formal action to utilize the funds for school support of social emotional learning.

On August 7, 2018, The Board of Education took formal action stating its intent to use the reserve funds to establish new positions to support school based social emotional learning positions including counselors, social workers and psychologists. WCPSS estimates that the \$2 million in funding will support the creation of 277 months of employment for school based social emotional learning. This includes a combination of 10, 11 and 12 month positions. The anticipated breakdown by position is:

- Counselors: 173 months
- Psychologists: 56 months
- Social workers: 48 months

In response to this action, this item would appropriate the \$2 million reserve to Wake County Schools.

Board Goal: Community Health Objective 2.2: Continue focus on public health in school-aged population through improved access to health services and promoting active lifestyles.

Fiscal Impact: The reserve funds were included in the FY 2019 Budget. No additional funds are required.

Attachments:

1. Board of Education Item Summary
2. Budget Memo: FY 2019 Non-Departmental
3. Budget Memo: FY 2019 Wake County Public School System