

**Item Title:** Motion to Remove Conditions on the Use of Funds Appropriated to the Wake County Public School System

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners amends the Operating Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019 to remove the conditions on use of funds appropriated under Section 4(C).**

**Item Summary:**

This item is placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Adamson.

The Board of Commissioners adopted the FY2019 operating budget on June 4, 2018. As part of the budget consideration, Commissioners approved Section 4(C), creating a Social Emotional Learning Reserve. The section set aside \$2,000,000 of the Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) appropriation; the ordinance language follows below.

**Section 4(C): SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING RESERVE.** A reserve is hereby established of \$2,000,000 in Non-Departmental as a hold back of WCPSS appropriation. Appropriation of the reserve is contingent upon the Board of Education taking formal action to utilize the \$2,000,000 to increase the funding for school support for social emotional learning of students as described on page 150 of the Board of Education Proposed Budget. Following an action taken by the Board of Education, the County, by action of the Board of Commissioners, will appropriate the \$2,000,000 as a recurring increase in WCPSS appropriation.

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 277 months of employment for counselors, social workers and psychologists. Subsequently, on September 4, 2018, the Board of Commissioners approved the transfer of \$2,000,000 from the Social Emotional Learning Reserve to the Wake County Public School System.

Today's action would remove the conditions on use of funds appropriated under Section 4(C) and enable the school system to utilize funds as it sees appropriate.

**Attachments:**

None.