



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the FY 2026 School General Purpose Fund Budget

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

Action Form No.: AF-265-2025
Work Session: September 15, 2025
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Final Adoption: October 7, 2025
Staff Work By: David Frye
Presentation By: David Frye

Strategic Focus Area: World-Class Education

Recommendation:

Approve the Ordinance.

Executive Summary:

If approved, \$369,884 will be appropriated from funds received from Ballard Health (\$4,500), the Niswonger Foundation (\$115,384), and Medicaid reimbursements (\$150,000).

The donation from Ballard Health, of \$4,500, will be used to create a reset room at Jackson Elementary School. The reset room will aid in positive mental health and stress reduction for staff and students. Similar reset rooms have been created at Seiver and Robinson Middle Schools.

The funding of \$115,384 from the Niswonger Foundation is for the Project On Track tutoring program. This is a high-dosage/low ratio tutoring program for students who are struggling in the mastery of grade level academic skills and standards.

Kingsport City Schools is contracting with Steller Therapy Services to assist with participation in a Medicaid reimbursement program. This program allows Kingsport City Schools to receive Medicaid reimbursements for medical services provided to students that qualify for TN Care. For the 2024-25 school year there was \$72,524 received of which Steller Therapy Services receives 30% for their fee, which results in a net amount to Kingsport City Schools of \$52,167. It is anticipated that a similar amount will be generated during the 2025-26 school year. The majority of these funds will be allocated to the KCS health services program.

The Board of Education approved this budget amendment at their meeting on September 12, 2025.

Attachments:

1. Ordinance
2. BOE Budget Amendment Number Two – General Purpose School Funds FY26

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Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
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Montgomery	—	—	—