



## Legislation Text

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**Item:**

**Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 21BCC000074 Appropriating \$950,000 General Fund Fund Balance to Support Funding \$15 Per Hour Wage Expenses for DPS Classified Employees from July 1, 2020 Through December 31, 2020**

**Date of BOCC Meeting:** January 25, 2021

**Request for Board Action:**

The Board is requested to approve Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 21BCC000074 which will appropriate an additional \$950,000 in General Fund fund balance to support a \$15 per hour wage for DPS classified workers beginning in July 1, 2020.

The FY 2020-21 adopted budget included funds to support bringing the average pay for classified employees to \$14 per hour. During the November 23, 2020 BOCC meeting, the Board voted to support additional funding to increase Durham Public Schools classified workers pay to \$15 per hour. This appropriation was made to Durham Public Schools during the January 11, 2021 meeting to cover the \$15/hr. allocation from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

During the January 2021 BOCC work session, staff were further directed to evaluate the potential capacity to cover the \$15/hr. expense from the beginning of the fiscal year. Based on the recent mid-year fiscal evaluation it has been determined fund balance reserves can cover this expense. A mid-year fiscal analysis will be discussed in a separate agenda item.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient, Visionary Government

**Resource Persons:** Claudia Hager, General Manager; Keith Lane, Budget and Management Services Director and Susan Tezai, Chief Financial Officer.

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approves Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 21BCC000074 appropriating an additional \$950,000 in General Fund fund balance to support funding \$15 per hour wage expenses for DPS classified workers from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_