

## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mr. Bryan Thompson, County Manager  
 Members of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

**From:** Dr. Anthony D. Jackson, Superintendent  
 Mr. Gary Leonard, Board Chair  
 Chatham County Board of Education

**Date:** September 26, 2025

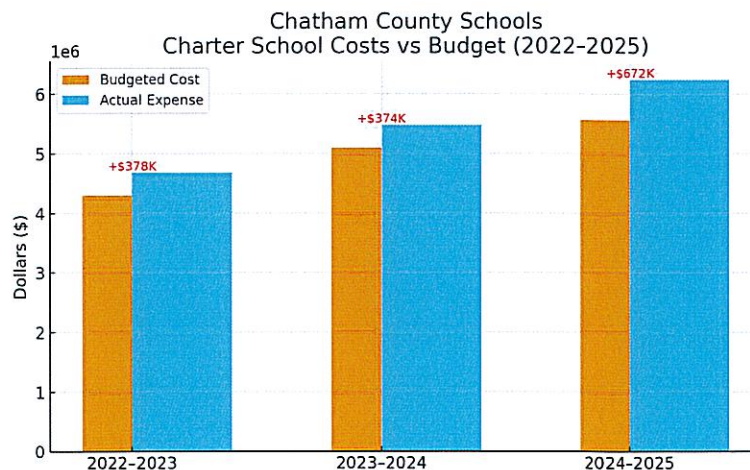
**Subject:** Charter School Reimbursement Request (FY 2022–2023 through FY 2024–2025)

Dear Mr. Thompson and Members of the Board of Commissioners,

On behalf of the Chatham County Board of Education, we respectfully submit this request for reimbursement of \$1,423,575.81 in charter school underfunding incurred during fiscal years 2022–2023, 2023–2024, and 2024–2025.

These costs were borne from the district's undesignated fund balance due to actual charter school enrollment exceeding budgeted projections.

The chart and table below highlight the budgeted versus actual charter school costs and the resulting overages, as well as enrollment trends over the past three fiscal years:



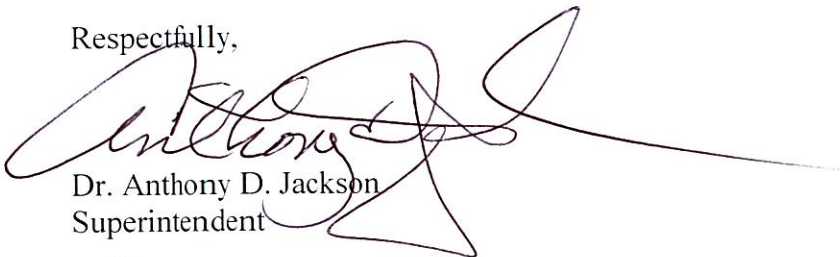


Over the past three fiscal years, charter school enrollment growth has resulted in \$1.42 million in unbudgeted costs for Chatham County Schools, paid from the district's undesignated fund balance.

Fiscal Year	Budgeted Cost	Actual Expense	Overage	Avg. # Students / % in Charters
2022–2023	\$4,300,000.00	\$4,678,078.75	\$378,078.75	1,203 / 11.88%
2023–2024	\$5,100,000.00	\$5,473,752.07	\$373,752.07	1,249 / 12.37%
2024–2025	\$5,567,000.00	\$6,238,744.99	\$671,744.99	1,286 / 12.77%
Total (3 Years)	—	—	\$1,423,575.81	+83 Students / +0.89%

We respectfully request that, if possible, this matter be resolved prior to the FY 2026–2027 budget deliberations (Heads Up) to ensure clarity between past obligations and future appropriations. We appreciate your continued support of Chatham County Schools and your thoughtful consideration of this request. I am available to discuss this matter in more detail at your convenience. If additional background or data are needed, we stand ready to provide this information at your request.

Respectfully,



Dr. Anthony D. Jackson  
Superintendent



Mr. Gary Leonard  
Board Chair, Chatham County Board of Education

cc: Chatham County Board of Education

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