Agenda Item Details

MEETING DATE:
11/17/2026

TOPIC:
Approve Amendment to the FY27 Grants Fund Budget to $7,858,804

POLICY ALIGNMENT:
BBA, School Board Powers and Duties
DB, Annual Budget

BACKGROUND:
Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools (WJCC) has received the following additional grant awards:

- **USDA Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant:** Funding to support the launch of the KelRae Farm Training & Processing Hub, an initiative designed to expand the availability of fresh, locally sourced produce in all WJCC school cafeterias while strengthening divisionwide farm-to-school educational opportunities.
- **Kiwanis Club – Otter Cove Grant**: Funding to support the development of sensory regulation rooms at Bright Beginnings North and South campuses. These spaces will provide preschool students with opportunities for self-regulation, sensory exploration, and activities that support readiness for learning.

Grant Description	Award Amount
USDA Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant	$499,956
Kiwanis Club-Otter Cove Grant	$58,000
Total New Grants	**$557,956**

RATIONALE:
The proposed amendment increases the FY27 Grants Fund Budget by $557,956, from $7,300,848 to $7,858,804. The Grants Fund budget must be amended to incorporate newly awarded grant funding and authorize the expenditure of these funds for their intended purpose.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE(S):
N/A

COST BUDGETED:
Amended Grants Fund Budget: $7,858,804

ALTERNATIVES:
1. Approve the superintendent's recommendation.
2. Do not approve the superintendent's recommendation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The superintendent recommends the board approve the amendment to the FY27 Grants Fund Budget to $7,858,804.

DATA SOURCE:
Daniel Keever, Ph.D., Superintendent
Rene Ewing, Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Move to approve the amendment to the FY27 Grants Fund Budget to $7,858,804.