

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
INFORMATIONAL REPORT
PRESENTATION ON BUDGET & BLUEPRINT
CONSIDERATIONS

January 22, 2024

Background:

Two major decision-making drivers facing Harford County Public Schools include the budget and the 'Blueprint for Maryland's Future Act' (Blueprint). Although both the budget and the Blueprint have details and conceptual factors separate and distinct from each other, both have systemic level considerations for the Board of Education, HCPS administration, and the Harford County community.

Discussion:

During this presentation, the following will be addressed:

- Local budget pressures and cost drivers. Considerations for budgeting positions, class size, and school-level allocations.
- Analysis of Blueprint requirement 5-234(a)(1) regarding “minimum school funding.”
- Blueprint big picture and pillar specific HCPS perspectives: supporting legislative goals and intentions, highlighting success areas, and advocating for pragmatic changes.

Superintendent’s Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the Board of Education accept this informational report on the Blueprint for Our Students’ Future.