

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

PRESENTATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION'S PROPOSED FY2025 BUDGET OVERVIEW

JUNE 10, 2024

Background Information:

Once the Harford County Council approves Harford County Public School's (HCPS) budget for the upcoming fiscal year, the Board of Education must reconcile and approve a budget. The budget is presented in four parts: Unrestricted, Restricted, Food Service and Capital budgets.

Discussion:

The FY2025 Board of Education Proposed Budget was approved at the February 12, 2024 Board of Education Meeting. The Harford County Executive has proposed a budget with no increase in local funding. If the County Executive's Budget is approved, HCPS will need to reconcile any budget variance.

Overview:

The Board of Education's Proposed FY2025 local request to support the unrestricted budget is \$356.5 million, an increase of \$41.7 million. The County Executive's proposed local funding is \$314.9 million, which is the same level of funding HCPS received in the current year. If that budget is passed, HCPS must reduce its overall budget by \$41.7 million.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

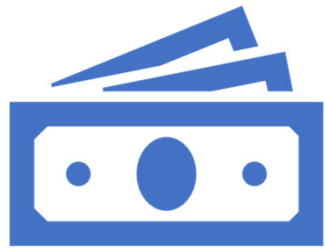
The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education review the presentation of the proposed reconciliation of the FY2025 budget.

FY 25 Budget Reconciliation Overview

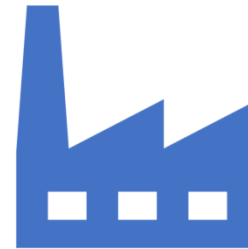
The Board's priorities for SY 2025 are as follows:

- Academic achievement with a focus on math and RELA.
- Improved school environment with an emphasis on attendance and safety.
- Increased community and parent/guardian trust through partnerships and transparency.

The revised proposal reduces the budget increase from \$47.3 million to \$39.7 million, a reduction of \$7.6 million.



An additional \$3.0 million is proposed to address areas in need.



\$10.6 million is proposed as structural/operational reductions.

Proposed Additions to Budget

- Increase certain budget lines, sufficiently funding salary budget lines for substitute salaries.
- Increase Property and GL Insurance based on final estimates for FY2025.
- Increase the athletic trainer budget to fully cover the anticipated cost of the contract.

Proposed Reductions to Budget

- Adjustment to the cost of the wage package based on ratified contracts.
- Transfer of certain positions to appropriate grants.
- Elimination of certain positions.
- Reduction in services related to Professional Development and intervention costs.
- Removal of summer programs unrelated to high school credit recovery.
- Removal of anticipated surplus in the dental insurance budget.
- Removal of budgeted OPEB Funding.
- Removal of facilities and technology-related cost increases.

Final Reconciliation

Revenue	FY 2024	Change	FY 2025	% Chg
Local	314,852,402	6,500,000	321,352,402	2.1%
MD State	279,062,279	17,025,805	296,088,084	6.1%
Federal	420,000	-	420,000	0.0%
Other	4,210,500	1,000,000	5,210,500	23.8%
Fund Balance	15,000,000	15,186,488	30,186,488	101.2%
Total	\$ 613,545,181	\$ 39,712,293	\$ 653,257,474	6.5%

Positions	FY 2024 Revised Unrestricted Budget		
5,047.2		\$ 613,545,181	
	FY2025 Budget Increase Requests		
0.0	Employee Salary/Wage Package	15,372,869	
0.0	Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment	(226,063)	
49.0	Education Services	6,492,428	
0.0	Facilities/Operations	62,000	
0.0	Insurance and Other Fixed Charges	5,254,016	
0.0	Interscholastic Athletics and Student Activities	495,000	
0.0	Office of Information Systems and Technology	480,422	
(1.0)	Safety and Security	(69,553)	
71.6	Special Education	8,048,642	
(4.0)	Student Services	(165,313)	
17.8	Swan Creek School	1,730,849	
18.0	Transportation	2,400,338	
(1.0)	Organizational Development	(93,789)	
(1.0)	Executive Administration	(69,553)	
149.4		39,712,293	6.5%
1.0	FY2025 Base Budget Adjustments	-	-
150.4	Total - Change FY 2024 - FY 2025	39,712,293	6.5%
5,197.6	FY 2025 Board of Education's Proposed Unrestricted Budget	\$ 653,257,474	