

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

BOARD OF EDUCATION'S PROPOSED FY2027 OPERATING BUDGET

JUNE 22, 2026

Background Information:

The Board of Education's Proposed FY2027 operating budget was voted on February 27, 2026 and sent to the County for their consideration. The County Executive must issue the County's proposed funding by April 15, 2026. The County Council must vote on the budget appropriation by June 15, 2026.

Discussion:

The Board of Education's Proposed FY2027 operating budget is \$720.3 million. The local funds requested were \$384.9 million, an increase of \$37.3 million. The County Executive proposed \$370.2 million, an increase of \$22.6 million. The County Council increased funding to \$372.5 million, adding an additional \$2.3 million. This brings a total shortfall that requires reductions to the FY27 budget of \$12.6 million.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education discuss reconciling the Unrestricted Fund Proposed FY2027 budget in the amount of \$720,259,698 to the funded amount of \$707,667,177.



FY2027 Budget Discussion

Superintendent Identified Considerations

Savings
needed
\$12,592,521

Superintendent Proposed Reductions to Board of Education's request

Remove: Additional 10 teachers	(1,025,180)
Remove: Additional 3 MLL Teachers	(307,554)
Remove: Student Exec Function Support	(300,000)
Reduce: Health insurance increases	(1,294,212)
Reduce: Inflationary increases	(216,840)
Reduce: Harford Youth Workforce Investment	(200,000)
Reduce: One driver and One attendant for non-public transportation	(110,000)

Additional Superintendent Reduction Considerations

School Allocated Budgets	(704,849)
Freeze Conferences	(300,000)
1.0 FTE Manager Northstar and Research (Central Office)	(229,819)
1.0 FTE Office of the Superintendent Clerical (Central Office)	(136,375)
1.0 FTE 3rd Grade Swan Creek School (transfer position to a school)	(99,637)
1.0 PPW clerical position (Central Office)	(73,573)
1.0 Curriculum clerical position (Central Office)	(73,573)
Reallocate 0.5 FTE from Special Ed to Community Schools Funding	(90,146)
ESY Site Coordinator	(38,161)
Total Reduction Considerations	(5,199,919)

Superintendent Identified Considerations

Savings
needed
\$10,573,213
if reductions
and increases
are approved

Superintendent Proposed Increases to Board of Education's request

Non public Education additional funding	2,000,000
Additional Lease Amount and Buyout of K and 1	600,000
Homeless Liason (Title I will no longer pay)	173,521
Joppatowne Assistant Principal (FY26 overstaff)	147,755
Payroll Coordinator (FY26 overstaff)	84,335
Safe and Sick Leave never budgeted (state mandate)	150,000
Print shop costs for curriculum	25,000
Total Increase Considerations	3,180,611

Stakeholder Suggestions

Savings still
to identify
\$10,573,213

Programmatic Changes

Elementary orchestra and band (4th and 5th)	(3,200,000)
Harford Glen Day Programming	(1,000,000)
Transportation for magnet programs	(315,000)
Overnight Harford Glen Program	(300,000)
Planetariums	(199,000)
Dual Enrollment (reduce allowance to 4 classes)	(80,000)
Graduation facility rental	(84,000)

Athletic Changes

High school Athletics	(3,660,000)
Pay to Play - Revenue	(800,000)
High school Athletic Trainers	(600,000)
Pool Closures	(370,000)
Middle School Sports	(340,000)

Additional Considerations

Transportation distance changes	
Contracted Services	
Non-teaching positions	