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## **Harford County Public Schools Receives \$118,000 Grant from Maryland Energy Administration**

*Grant Will Offset Costs Associated with Energy Conservation Management*

Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) has been awarded a \$118,000 grant from the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) through the FY24 Decarbonizing Public Schools Program. This grant will help aid in subsidizing the cost of hiring a consulting firm to enhance our energy data analytics capabilities, with the ultimate goal of reducing our carbon footprint and energy costs.

In a challenging budget cycle, this grant will provide much needed support for energy data management. With these funds, HCPS will be able to utilize tools that allow the system to compare energy usage against other agencies and provide critical insights into energy performance metrics.

These tools will help HCPS plan future energy efficiency projects, ultimately aiding our efforts to improve energy sustainability within our buildings. Eventually, these efficiencies will help reduce our energy costs allowing HCPS to potentially reallocate funds away from energy usage.

“We are grateful to the Maryland Energy Administration for their support and this grant,” said Superintendent Dr. Sean Bulson. “It comes at a crucial time and will enhance our ability to manage energy usage effectively, paving the way for future energy efficiency projects and a more sustainable future for our schools. Applying for grants such as this is one of many ways Harford County Public Schools is responsible stewards of Harford County tax dollars.”

Harford County Public Schools is committed to pursuing sustainability initiatives and looks forward to utilizing this grant money to better serve our community and be better stewards of our planet.

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