FY21 Operating Budget Timeline

1. Superintendent Submits Proposed Budget to Board of Education (BOE)
The Superintendent presents a proposed budget to the Board of Education.

January 9, 2020 – Superintendent Proposes Budget

2. Board Reviews Budget
The Board of Education holds work sessions and public hearings to gather feedback on and revise the Superintendent’s proposed operating budget to submit to the County Executive.

January 14–February 13
January 14, 2020 – BOE Public Work Session
January 16, 2020 – BOE Public Hearing
January 21, 2020 – BOE Public Work Session
January 28, 2020 – BOE Public Work Session and Public Hearing
January 30, 2020 – BOE Public Work Session
February 4, 2020 – BOE Public Work Session
February 6, 2020 – BOE Public Work Session
February 11, 2020 – BOE Public Work Session
February 13, 2020 – BOE Adoption of FY21 Operating and Capital Budget Requests & FY22–26 Capital Improvement Program

3. County Executive Considers Board’s Proposed Budget
The County Executive reviews the Board’s request and submits a proposed Howard County budget to the County Council.

December 9–April 20
December 9, 2019 – County Executive Public Hearing
March 2, 2020 – Board of Education budget is transmitted to County Executive*
March 12, 2020 – County Executive Public Hearing (canceled)
April 20, 2020 – County Executive Submits Proposed Budget to County Council

4. County Council’s Operating Budget Process
The County Council holds public hearings, implements revisions, and adopts a budget for the county that includes funding the school system.

April 20–May 22
April 22, 2020 – County Council Preliminary Public Hearing
April 30, 2020 – BOE Public Work Session
May 1, 2020 – County Council Work Session
May 6, 2020 – County Council Public Hearing
May 7, 2020 – BOE Public Hearing
May 8, 2020 – County Council Work Session
May 11, 2020 – County Council Public Hearing
May 13, 2020 – County Council Work Session
May 15, 2020 – County Council Work Session
May 18, 2020 – County Council Work Session
May 22, 2020 – County Council Work Session: Operating Budget Finalization**

5. Board of Education Adopts Operating Budget
The Board adopts a detailed school system budget, which serves as the final Approved Operating Budget.

May 28, 2020 – Board Budget Adoption

* Budget will be submitted to County Executive during first week of March
** Schedule may be adjusted to provide additional time for deliberation. Visit the HCPSS website for up-to-date information.

HCPSS Budget Website
www.hcpss.org/budget/