



OVERVIEW


On March 7, 2024, the Howard County Board of Education finalized their FY 2025 Operating. The Board's requested budget restored several proposed reductions that were part of the Superintendent's operating budget proposal. No decisions will be final until May when the Board receives final funding allocation from the County Council and passes a final FY 2025 Operating Budget.

The Board's Requested FY 2025 Operating Budget totals \$1.14 billion, which is a \$38.3 million, or 3.5% increase over the FY 2024 Operating Budget. The request for County revenue funding totals \$769.8 million, which is \$48.6 million, or 6.7% over the FY 2024 budget. State revenues in the budget total \$353.2 million, an increase of \$7.2 million or 2.1% over the FY 2024 budget.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

\$1.14 Billion
Total budget request 

\$55.8 Million
The amount above MOE being requested of the County

 **\$8.2 Million**
The amount above the Superintendent's proposed budget

MOE = Maintenance of Effort (MOE) law states that each county must appropriate an amount equal to or greater than its prior year per pupil appropriation. Scan QR code for details.

BUDGET ADDITIONS

The proposed budget adds \$71.8 million in new costs tied to:

- Staff compensation increases.
- Contractual commitments to support existing obligations.
- Legal mandates of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future legislation.

It also adds 132.3 new positions, 55.6 are tied primarily to prekindergarten expansion requirements related to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future that increases participation for eligible 4-year-old children from low-income families. The majority of the remaining positions (55) are added in Special Education to ensure students receive the legally mandated services they deserve and require.

BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Many budget reductions were included in order to present a budget request to the County that prioritizes the greatest needs of our more than 57,000 students and helps to close the gap between new expenditure requirements and limited revenue growth. In total, approximately 224 positions are proposed for reduction (132 school-based and 92 non-school-based). More information related to specific reductions may be found on the HCPSS website.

WHAT'S NEXT?



April	County Executive Submits Proposed Budget
April/May	County Council Public Hearings & Work Sessions
May	County Council Adopts Budget
May 23	Board of Education Adopts Final Budget

For more information on the FY25 Operating Budget Process, visit:
www.hcpss.org/about-us/budgets/fy25/

