



**Howard
County**
Public School System

PARTNERSHIPS

**2023–2024
ANNUAL SNAPSHOT**



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

William J. Barnes

Howard County Public School System deeply appreciates the more than 1,000 community partners whose commitment to supporting education has produced a substantial impact that will benefit our students far into their futures.

Our partners provide essential services and supports, fulfilling student needs and affording many more opportunities for learning and exploration. Partners help nurture young learners and prepare them for the workforce, provide expansive educational experiences to students, expose them to potential career paths so they can begin to imagine life after graduation, and so much more.

As the Superintendent of this wonderfully diverse and inclusive school system, it is a priority for me to remove barriers for all students in equitable and meaningful ways. I see our partners as a crucial part of this work as they fill gaps in student needs, increase cooperation between students, families, schools and the community, and help ensure our students graduate with their dreams intact.

Thank you to each and every partner for continuing to move forward hand in hand with us as we innovate, collaborate and dream big on behalf of our students.

William J. Barnes





Fidos for Freedom

10
YEARS

facilitating social
interaction for
Cedar Lane students



High school jazz bands, partnered
with **Inner Arbor Trust**, perform at
5th annual

Jazz in the Woods

Over
220

Folly Quarter
Middle School
students explore
careers at
**Howard County
Farm Bureau's**
Agriculture
Awareness Day



Bright Minds Foundation
awards

27

scholarships
to HCPSS seniors





**African American
Community Roundtable**
forum presents

6 topics

in collaboration with
**Howard Community College &
HCPSS** to increase engagement
and close academic &
opportunity gaps

**Howard County Library
System branches host**

250+

events for
students
and families



Photo courtesy of Howard County Library System



Photo courtesy of Julie Eurice, Savage Mill

Savage Mill displays

500+

works of student art by
Bollman Bridge
Elementary School
students



**Maryland State
Department of Education**

names
Bellows Spring
Elementary School

1 of 8

statewide
Purple Star Schools
for supporting
military-connected
families





47
seniors

...commit to apprenticeships
during **Apprenticeship
Maryland Signing Day**



500
community
judges

42
elementary
schools

**20th Anniversary of Annual
Simulated Congressional Hearings**



Prepare for Success
donates a record

3800

backpacks & supplies
with help from
dozens of
supporters



Grace Community Church
provides holiday gifts for

202
families

through its Joyous Giving
campaign

Students from
7 Academy of Health
Professions classes
gain insights from
**Johns Hopkins Howard
County Medical Center**
healthcare expert



20 Partners join

150+

female students for
Women in Engineering
event at **Howard
Community College**



60

community agencies

participate in
HCPSS
Networking
Fair to
support
student
well-being



64

families

experiencing
homelessness
receive emergency
support from
**Bright Minds
Foundation**



28

partners
support school
readiness
at the
**Judy Center
Early Learning
Hub**



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Students Branching Out
program plants

100 trees

at Guilford Park High School
in collaboration with
**Howard County Conservancy,
Howard EcoWorks, and
Howard County's Department
of Recreation and Parks and
Office of Community
Sustainability**



\$5,574,292

Estimated annual value

1,313 Partners

Number of Partners Supporting:

Curriculum
Offices **184**



Guest
Speakers **116**

Middle
Schools **171**



Advisory
Committees **253**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Community members are welcome to participate in a variety of HCPSS **Advisory Committees**, which include parents, community members, students and staff who collaborate to improve education in Howard County.

For more information about Advisory Committees, visit <https://hcpssne.ws/advisory>.

View the complete list of our generous partners by visiting <https://hcpssne.ws/partners>

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