

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

Resolution No. 79 -2026

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title - Howard County Board of Education – Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget

Title - A RESOLUTION setting forth the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget for the Howard County Board of Education.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2026.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2026.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted___, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn___, by the County Council on _____, 2026.

Certified By _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has proposed a Fiscal Year 2027 general fund
2 expense budget for the Board of Education containing:

3 County funding of	\$871,500,000
4 State funding of	\$393,316,487
5 Federal funding of	\$410,000
6 Other funding of	\$10,575,926
7 Use of HCPSS Fund Balance	\$3,000,000
8 Total general fund expense budget of \$1,278,802,413; and	

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10 **WHEREAS**, all restricted funds included in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget for the Board of
11 Education total \$508,953,027; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, debt service for the Board of Education is paid directly by the County
14 government and for Fiscal Year 2027 totals \$50,126,950 and

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16 **WHEREAS**, OPEB for the Board of Education beyond PAYGO amount is paid directly
17 by the County government and for Fiscal Year 2027 totals \$7,518,907; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, for Fiscal Year 2027, a portion of teachers’ pension liabilities for the Board
20 of Education, which used to be paid by the State, in the amount of \$9,311,288 is paid directly by
21 the County government; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, for Fiscal Year 2027, private Pre-K local match, which used to be paid by
24 HCPSS, in the amount of \$2,929,367, is paid directly by the County government; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, the major categories set forth in this resolution are the same categories
27 contained in the Board of Education’s budget request to the County; and

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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
30 Maryland this ____ day of _____, 2026 that the Fiscal Year 2027 budget of the Board of
31 Education is divided into major categories as attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2027**

	Proposed
General Fund Budget	\$ 1,278,802,413
01. Administration	16,310,905
02. Mid-Level Administration	77,878,085
03. Instructional Salaries and Wages	454,637,476
04. Instructional Textbooks & Supplies	8,318,279
05. Other Instructional Costs	20,074,392
06. Special Education	207,034,948
07. Student Personnel Services	14,959,764
08. Student Health Services	14,207,693
09. Student Transportation	80,009,122
10. Operation of Plant	65,075,306
11. Maintenance of Plant	32,159,073
12. Fixed Charges	286,129,928
14. Community Services	730,818
15. Capital Outlay	1,276,624
Restricted Funds	\$ 508,953,027
School Construction	116,636,000
Food and Nutrition	24,788,411
Print Services	2,860,855
Technology Services	21,526,409
Health	265,493,741
Workers' Compensation	3,908,700
Grants	73,123,123
Glenelg Wastewater Treatment Plant	290,788
Jim Rouse Theater	325,000
Other Expense Paid by County	\$ 69,886,512
Debt Service	50,126,950
OPEB	7,518,907
Pension	9,311,288
Private Pre-K Local Match	2,929,367
Total General Fund, Restricted Funds and other Expenses Budget	\$ 1,857,641,952