

# 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 May 4, 2026.

By order

Michelle Harrod

Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on May 18, 2026.

By order

Michelle Harrod

Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments \_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_, Withdrawn \_\_\_\_, by the County Council

on May 20, 2026.

Certified By

Michelle Harrod

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 20 day of May, 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**

	<b>Proposed</b>
<b>General Fund Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,278,802,413</b>
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
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>\$ 508,953,027</b>
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
<b>Other Expense Paid by County</b>	<b>\$ 69,886,512</b>
Debt Service	50,126,950
OPEB	7,518,907
Pension	9,311,288
Private Pre-K Local Match	2,929,367
<b>Total General Fund, Restricted Funds and other Expenses Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,857,641,952</b>

**Amendment No. 1 to Council Resolution No. 79-2026**

**BY: Deb Jung**

**Legislative Day No. 7**

**Date: May 20, 2026**

**Amendment No. 1**

*(This amendment increases County funding to the General Fund Budget of the Board of Education by \$4,200,000 to a total of \$875,700,000. This allocation supports the Howard County Public School System's Fixed Charges Category)*

1 On page 1, line 3, strike "871,500,000" and substitute "\$875,700,000".

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3 On page 1, line 8, strike "\$1,278,802,413" and substitute "\$1,283,002,413".

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5 On page 2, in "General Fund Budget" category 12. "Fixed Charges", strike "286,129,928" and  
6 substitute "\$290,329,928".

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8 On page 3, in the "Total General Fund, Restricted Funds and other Expense Budget, strike  
9 "\$1,857,641,952" and substitute "\$1,861,841,952".

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11 Correct all subtotals, totals, and other calculated figures within this resolution to accommodate  
12 this Amendment, as indicated on the attached Worksheet Exhibit A to this Amendment.

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14 Should this Amendment pass, **Amendment 7 to CB33-2026** would be required in order to  
15 reflect corresponding changes in the Howard Public School System budget.

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17 Should this Amendment pass, **Amendment 2 to CR 76-2026** would be required in order to  
18 reflect corresponding changes in the Howard County Capital Program and Extended Capital  
19 Program

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I certify that this a true copy of

Am 1 to CR79-2026

passed on May 20, 2026

Nichelle Howard

Council Administrator

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**Exhibit A**

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