

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 9

Resolution No. 120 -2026

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

Short Title: Howard County Board of Education – Fiscal Year 2027 – Operating budget amendment

Title: A RESOLUTION approving an amendment to the operating budget of the Board of Education in order to increase its General Fund by \$6,818,972 to reflect an increase of \$25,078 in State funding and the additional use of \$6,793,894 in the Howard County School System’s fund balance; to increase its Restricted Funds by \$21,287,647 to reflect increased appropriation in the Food and Nutrition, Grants and School Construction funds, primarily due to higher than expected State and Federal funding; and generally relating to the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget of the 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

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2026

Calvin Ball, County Executive

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**, on May 20, 2026, the County Council adopted Council Resolution No. 79-
2 2026 that sets forth the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget for the Board of Education; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, in its General Fund, appropriation needs to be increased by \$6,818,972,
5 because the Board of Education has received additional State funding of \$25,078 and would like
6 to use an additional \$6,793,894 in the Howard County Public School System’s unassigned General
7 Fund balance; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, in its Restricted funds, increased authority is also needed in its Grants Fund
10 in the amount of \$15,183,769, in its Food and Nutrition Fund in the amount of \$35,878, and in its
11 School Construction Fund in the amount of \$6,068,000, to primarily reflect increased State or
12 Federal funding.

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14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
15 Maryland this ____ day of _____, 2026 that it approves an amendment to the Board of
16 Education’s Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget as shown in the attached Exhibit A.

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18 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the County Council of Howard County that
19 Council Resolution No. 79-2026 is amended as follows:

- 20 1. Regarding State funding, on page 1, in line 4, strike “\$393,316,487” and substitute
21 “\$393,341,565”;
- 22 2. Regarding the use of fund balance, on page 1, in line 7, strike “\$3,000,000” and substitute
23 “\$9,793,894”;
- 24 3. Regarding the total general fund, on page 1, in line 8, strike “\$1,278,802,413” and
25 substitute “\$1,285,621,385”;
- 26 4. Regarding all restricted funds, on page 1, in line 11, strike “\$508,953,027” and substitute
27 “\$530,240,674”; and
- 28 5. The chart titled “Board of Education Budget Fiscal Year 2027” is amended as shown in
29 the attached Exhibit A.

EXHIBIT A

**BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2027**

	Approved FY27	Amendment	Revised FY27
General Fund Budget	\$1,278,802,413	6,818,972	1,285,621,385
01. Administration	16,310,905	29,033	16,339,938
02. Mid-Level Administration	77,878,085	305,000	78,183,085
03. Instructional Salaries and Wages	454,637,476	1,053,316	455,690,792
04. Instructional Textbooks & Supplies	8,318,279		8,318,279
05. Other Instructional Costs	20,074,392	2,000	20,076,392
06. Special Education	207,034,948	(1,016,000)	206,018,948
07. Student Personnel Services	14,959,764	116,000	15,075,764
08. Student Health Services	14,207,693		14,207,693
09. Student Transportation	80,009,122	8,000	80,017,122
10. Operation of Plant	65,075,306		65,075,306
11. Maintenance of Plant	32,159,073		32,159,073
12. Fixed Charges	286,129,928	6,321,623	292,451,551
14. Community Services	730,818		730,818
15. Capital Outlay	1,276,624		1,276,624
Restricted Funds	\$ 508,953,027	\$ 21,287,647	\$ 530,240,674
School Construction	116,636,000	6,068,000	122,704,000
Food and Nutrition	24,788,411	35,878	24,824,289
Print Services	2,860,855		2,860,855
Technology Services	21,526,409		21,526,409
Health	265,493,741		265,493,741
Workers' Compensation	3,908,700		3,908,700
Grants	73,123,123	15,183,769	88,306,892
Glenelg Wastewater Treatment Plant	290,788		290,788
Jim Rouse Theater	325,000		325,000
Other Expense Paid by County	\$ 69,886,512		\$ 69,886,512
Debt Service	50,126,950		50,126,950
OPEB	7,518,907		7,518,907
Pension	9,311,288		9,311,288
Private Pre-K Local Match	2,929,367		2,929,367
Total General Fund, Restricted Funds and other Expenses Budget	\$1,857,641,952	\$28,106,619	\$1,885,748,571