

## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 7

### Resolution No. 68-2021

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

A RESOLUTION setting forth the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget for the Howard County Board of Education.

Introduced and read first time May 3, 2021.

By order

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on May 17, 2021.

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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted\_\_\_, Adopted with amendments , Failed\_\_\_, Withdrawn\_\_\_, by the County Council on May 26, 2021.

Certified By

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

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1           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has proposed a Fiscal Year 2022 general fund  
2 expense budget for the Board of Education containing:

3           County funding of     ~~\$632,800,000~~ \$640,800,000

4           *County funding includes ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$12,500,000 use of prior year fund balance, or*  
5 *PAYGO, to cover nonrecurring costs that will be excluded from the subsequent budget year*  
6 *maintenance of effort calculation if approved by the State Department of Education.*

7           State funding of             \$282,485,531

8           Federal funding of           \$410,000

9           Other funding of             \$6,950,071

10          Total general fund expense budget of ~~\$922,645,602~~ \$930,645,602; and

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12          **WHEREAS**, all restricted funds included in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget for the Board of  
13 Education total ~~\$386,187,533~~ \$359,948,667; and

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15          **WHEREAS**, debt service for the Board of Education is paid directly by the County  
16 government and for Fiscal Year 2022 totals \$52,123,590; and

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18          **WHEREAS**, OPEB for the Board of Education beyond PAYGO amount is paid directly  
19 by the County government and for Fiscal Year 2022 totals \$6,735,000; and

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22 contained in the Board of Education's budget request to the County; and

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24          **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
25 Maryland this 26 day of 2021, 2021 that the Fiscal Year 2022 budget of the Board of  
26 Education is divided into major categories as attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2022**

<b>General Fund Budget</b>	<b>\$922,645,602 \$930,645,602</b>
Administration	13,343,000 10,786,504
Mid-Level Administration	63,057,000 61,429,652
Instruction	377,003,573 381,303,098
Special Education	133,179,019 137,063,338
Student Personnel Services	4,279,600 5,779,600
Student Health Services	9,660,081
Student Transportation	42,015,000
Operation of Plant and Equipment	38,629,000
Maintenance of Plant	25,781,000
Fixed Charges	210,093,000 212,593,000
Community Services	4,623,600
Capital Outlay	981,729
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>\$349,151,667 \$359,948,667</b>
School Construction	79,667,000 90,464,000
Food and Nutrition	16,937,099
Print Services	2,482,014
Information & Network Technology Services	16,030,233
Health	180,840,669
Worker's Compensation	2,816,500
Grants	50,000,000
Glenelg Wastewater Treatment Plant	242,912
Jim Rouse Theater	135,240
<b>Other Expenses Paid by County</b>	<b>\$58,858,590</b>
Debt Service	52,123,590
OPEB	6,735,000
<b>Total General Fund, Restricted Funds and Other Expense Budget</b>	<b>\$1,330,655,859 \$1,349,452,859</b>

Amendment 1 to Council Resolution No. 68-2021

BY: The Chairperson at the request  
of the County Executive

Legislative Day 9  
Date: May 26, 2021

Amendment No. 1

*(This amendment adds \$4,000,000 in County funding to the budget of the Howard County Public School System and amends categorical allocations to fully fund the Board of Education's request in Instruction and Special Education.)*

- 1 On page 1, in line 3, strike "\$632,800,000" and substitute "\$636,800,000".
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- 3 On page 1, in line 10, strike "\$922,645,602" and substitute "\$926,645,602".
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- 5 On page 1, in line 13, strike "\$386,187,533" and substitute "\$354,603,667".
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- 7 On page 2, amend the chart as follows:

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<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b><del>\$349,151,667</del> <u>\$354,603,667</u></b>
School Construction	<del>79,667,000</del> <u>85,119,000</u>
Food and Nutrition	16,937,099

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Michael J. Hernandez  
 Council Administrator

Print Services	2,482,014
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Computation worksheet related to this amendment:

**BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2022**

	Proposed	Amendment	Revised
<b>General Fund Budget</b>	<b>\$922,645,602</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>	<b>\$926,645,602</b>
Administration	13,343,000	-2,556,496	10,786,504
Mid-Level Administration	63,057,000	-1,627,348	61,429,652
Instruction	377,003,573	4,299,525	381,303,098
Special Education	133,179,019	3,884,319	137,063,338
Student Personnel Services	4,279,600	0	4,279,600
Student Health Services	9,660,081	0	9,660,081
Student Transportation	42,015,000	0	42,015,000
Operation of Plant and Equipment	38,629,000	0	38,629,000
Maintenance of Plant	25,781,000	0	25,781,000
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School Construction	79,667,000	5,452,000	85,119,000
Food and Nutrition	16,937,099	0	16,937,099
Print Services	2,482,014	0	2,482,014
Information & Network Technology Services	16,030,233	0	16,030,233
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Grants	50,000,000	0	50,000,000
Glennelg Wastewater Treatment Plant	242,912	0	242,912
Jim Rouse Theater	135,240	0	135,240
<b>Other Expenses Paid by County</b>	<b>\$58,858,590</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$58,858,590</b>
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<b>Total General Fund, Restricted Funds and Other Expense Budget</b>	<b>\$1,330,655,859</b>	<b>\$9,452,000</b>	<b>\$1,340,107,859</b>

Amendment 2 to Council Resolution No. 68-2021

BY: Liz Walsh

Legislative Day No. 9

Date: May 26, 2021

Amendment No. 2

*(This Amendment moves \$2,296,189 of General funds from the Department of Police, Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney Office, Fleet Operations Fund, and Employee Benefits Fund for implementation of a Body Worn Camera program before May 1, 2022 to HCPSS for Instruction and Special Education.)*

1 On page 1, line 3, in the line labeled "County funding of," strike "\$632,800,000" and substitute  
2 "\$635,069,189".

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4 On page 1, line 10, in the line labeled "Total general fund expense budget," strike  
5 "\$922,645,602" and substitute "\$924,941,791".

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7 In the budget categories table attached to the Resolution:

- 8 • in the row labeled General Fund Budget, strike "\$922,645,602;" and substitute
- 9 "\$924,941,791".
- 10 • in the row labeled Instruction, strike "377,003,573" and substitute "378,151,667".
- 11 • in the row labeled Special Education, strike "133,179,019" and substitute "134,327,114".
- 12 • in the row labeled Total General Fund, Restricted Funds and Other Expense Budget,
- 13 strike "\$1,330,655,859" and substitute "\$1,332,952,048".

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15 Correct all subtotals, totals, and other calculated figures to accommodate this Amendment.

16 This Amendment is contingent on the adoption of Amendment 4 to Council Bill 34-2021.

**I certify this is a true copy of**  
Am 2 to CR 68-2021

**passed on** \_\_\_\_\_

Not Moved

Michelle D'Amico 5/26/2021  
**Council Administrator**

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**Amendment 3 to Council Resolution No. 68-2021**

**BY: Deb Jung**

**Legislative Day No. 9**

**Date: May 26, 2021**

**Amendment No. 3**

*(This Amendment moves \$2.5 million from Housing and Community Renewal—Housing Opportunity Trust Fund to HCPSS Fixed Charges for the Health Fund. This Amendment would add additional funding from passage of CB34-2021 to the School Construction)*

*(This Amendment moves \$2.5 million from Housing and Community Renewal – Housing Opportunity Trust Fund and \$1.5 million from the General Fund to \$2.5 million HCPSS Fixed Charges for the Health Fund and 1.5 million to HCPSS Student Personnel Services.)*

- 1 Substitute pages 1 and 2 that are attached to this amendment for the corresponding pages found  
2 ~~attached to the Resolution.~~ Substitute pages 1 and 2 that are attached to this amendment for the  
3 corresponding pages found attached to this Resolution.
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- 5 Correct all subtotals, totals, and other calculated figures to accommodate this Amendment.
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- 7 This amendment is contingent on the adoption of Amendment 5 to Council Bill No. 34-2021.

**I certify this is a true copy of**

Am 3 to CR 68-2021

**passed on** May 26-2021

Michelle Oberst  
**Council Administrator**

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Amendment 1 Amendment 3 to Council Resolution No. 68-2021

BY: Deb Jung

Legislative Day No. 9

Date: May 26, 2021

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment 3

*(This Amendment Moves an additional \$1.5 million to HCPSS.)*

1 Strike the parenthetical description of the amendment and substitute “*(This Amendment moves*  
2 *\$2.5 million from Housing and Community Renewal – Housing Opportunity Trust Fund and \$1.5*  
3 *million from the General Fund to \$2.5 million HCPSS Fixed Charges for the Health Fund and*  
4 *1.5 million to HCPSS Student Personnel Services.)*”.

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6 Strike lines 1 and 2 in their entirety and substitute “Substitute pages 1 and 2 that are attached to  
7 this amendment for the corresponding pages found attached to this Resolution.”.

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9 This amendment is contingent on the adoption of Amendment 1 to Amendment 5 to Council  
10 Bill 34-2021.

I certify this is a true copy of  
Am 1 to Am 3 to CR 68-2021  
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Michelle Derry  
Council Administrator

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Amendment 2 to Amendment 3 to Council Resolution No. 68-2021

BY: The Chair

Legislative Day No. 9

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Amendment No. 2

*(This Amendment would add additional funding from passage of CB34-2021 to the School Construction.)*

- 1 At the end of the parenthetical, add the following: *"This Amendment would add additional*
- 2 *funding from passage of CB34-2021 to the School Construction"*.
- 3 On page 2, in the chart entitled "Board of Education Budget FY 2022", in the category entitled
- 4 School Construction, strike "79,667,000" and substitute "90,464,000".
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Nicholas Harwood  
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FISCAL YEAR 2022**

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Fixed Charges	210,093,000	212,593,000
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Capital Outlay	981,729	
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Glenelg Wastewater Treatment Plant	242,912	
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Debt Service	52,123,590	
OPEB	6,735,000	
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Amendment 1 to Council Resolution No. 68-2021

**BY: The Chairperson at the request  
of the County Executive**

**Legislative Day 9  
Date: May 26, 2021**

Amendment No. 1

*(This amendment adds \$4,000,000 in County funding to the budget of the Howard County Public School System and amends categorical allocations to fully fund the Board of Education's request in Instruction and Special Education.)*

1 On page 1, in line 3, strike "\$632,800,000" and substitute "\$636,800,000".

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3 On page 1, in line 10, strike "\$922,645,602" and substitute "\$926,645,602".

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5 On page 1, in line 13, strike "\$386,187,533" and substitute "\$354,603,667".

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7 On page 2, amend the chart as follows:

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET**

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**FISCAL YEAR 2022**

<b>General Fund Budget</b>	<b><del>\$922,645,602</del> <u>\$926,645,602</u></b>
Administration	<del>13,343,000</del> <u>10,786,504</u>
Mid-Level Administration	<del>63,057,000</del> <u>61,429,652</u>
Instruction	<del>377,003,573</del> <u>381,303,098</u>
Special Education	<del>133,179,019</del> <u>137,063,338</u>
Student Personnel Services	4,279,600
Student Health Services	9,660,081
Student Transportation	42,015,000
Operation of Plant and Equipment	38,629,000
Maintenance of Plant	25,781,000
Fixed Charges	210,093,000
Community Services	4,623,600
Capital Outlay	981,729
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b><del>\$349,151,667</del> <u>\$354,603,667</u></b>
School Construction	<del>79,667,000</del> <u>85,119,000</u>
Food and Nutrition	16,937,099

Print Services	2,482,014
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Debt Service	52,123,590
OPEB	6,735,000
<b>Total General Fund, Restricted Funds and Other Expense Budget</b>	<b><del>\$1,330,655,859</del> <u>\$1,340,107,859</u></b>

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Computation worksheet related to this amendment:

**BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2022**

	Proposed	Amendment	Revised
<b>General Fund Budget</b>	<b>\$922,645,602</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>	<b>\$926,645,602</b>
Administration	13,343,000	-2,556,496	10,786,504
Mid-Level Administration	63,057,000	-1,627,348	61,429,652
Instruction	377,003,573	4,299,525	381,303,098
Special Education	133,179,019	3,884,319	137,063,338
Student Personnel Services	4,279,600	0	4,279,600
Student Health Services	9,660,081	0	9,660,081
Student Transportation	42,015,000	0	42,015,000
Operation of Plant and Equipment	38,629,000	0	38,629,000
Maintenance of Plant	25,781,000	0	25,781,000
Fixed Charges	210,093,000	0	210,093,000
Community Services	4,623,600	0	4,623,600
Capital Outlay	981,729	0	981,729
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>\$349,151,667</b>	<b>\$5,452,000</b>	<b>\$354,603,667</b>
School Construction	79,667,000	5,452,000	85,119,000
Food and Nutrition	16,937,099	0	16,937,099
Print Services	2,482,014	0	2,482,014
Information & Network Technology Services	16,030,233	0	16,030,233
Health	180,840,669	0	180,840,669
Worker's Compensation	2,816,500	0	2,816,500
Grants	50,000,000	0	50,000,000
Glenn Wastewater Treatment Plant	242,912	0	242,912
Jim Rouse Theater	135,240	0	135,240
<b>Other Expenses Paid by County</b>	<b>\$58,858,590</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$58,858,590</b>
Debt Service	52,123,590	0	52,123,590
OPEB	6,735,000	0	6,735,000
<b>Total General Fund, Restricted Funds and Other Expense Budget</b>	<b>\$1,330,655,859</b>	<b>\$9,452,000</b>	<b>\$1,340,107,859</b>

Amendment 7 to Council Resolution No. 68-2021

BY: Liz Walsh

Legislative Day No. 9

Date: May 26, 2021

Amendment No.     

*(This Amendment moves \$2,296,189 of General funds from the Department of Police, Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney Office, Fleet Operations Fund, and Employee Benefits Fund for implementation of a Body Worn Camera program before May 1, 2022 to HCPSS for Instruction and Special Education.)*

1 On page 1, line 3, in the line labeled "County funding of," strike "\$632,800,000" and substitute  
2 "\$635,069,189".

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4 On page 1, line 10, in the line labeled "Total general fund expense budget," strike  
5 "\$922,645,602" and substitute "\$924,941,791".

6  
7 In the budget categories table attached to the Resolution:

- 8 • in the row labeled General Fund Budget, strike "\$922,645,602;" and substitute  
9 "\$924,941,791".
- 10 • in the row labeled Instruction, strike "377,003,573" and substitute "378,151,667".
- 11 • in the row labeled Special Education, strike "133,179,019" and substitute "134,327,114".
- 12 • in the row labeled Total General Fund, Restricted Funds and Other Expense Budget,  
13 strike "\$1,330,655,859" and substitute "\$1,332,952,048".

14  
15 Correct all subtotals, totals, and other calculated figures to accommodate this Amendment.

16 This Amendment is contingent on the adoption of Amendment 4 to Council Bill 34-2021.

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2 expense budget for the Board of Education containing:

3           County funding of           ~~\$632,800,000~~ \$635,069,189

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Amendment 1 Amendment 3 to Council Resolution No. 68-2021

BY: Deb Jung

Legislative Day No. 9

Date: May 26, 2021

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment 3

*(This Amendment Moves an additional \$1.5 million to HCPSS.)*

1 Strike the parenthetical description of the amendment and substitute “*(This Amendment moves*  
2 *\$2.5 million from Housing and Community Renewal – Housing Opportunity Trust Fund and \$1.5*  
3 *million from the General Fund to \$2.5 million HCPSS Fixed Charges for the Health Fund and*  
4 *1.5 million to HCPSS Student Personnel Services.)*”.

5  
6 Strike lines 1 and 2 in their entirety and substitute “Substitute pages 1 and 2 that are attached to  
7 this amendment for the corresponding pages found attached to this Resolution.”.

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9 This amendment is contingent on the adoption of Amendment 1 to Amendment 5 to Council  
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**Amendment 2 to Amendment 3 to Council Resolution No. 68-2021**

**BY: The Chair**

**Legislative Day No. 9**

**Date: May 26, 2021**

**Amendment No.**

*(This Amendment would add additional funding from passage of CB34-2021 to the School Construction.)*

1 At the end of the parenthetical, add the following: *“This Amendment would add additional*  
2 *funding from passage of CB34-2021 to the School Construction”*.

3 On page 2, in the chart entitled “Board of Education Budget FY 2022”, in the category entitled  
4 School Construction, strike “79,667,000” and substitute “90,464,000”.

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Amendment 3 to Council Resolution No. 68-2021

BY: Deb Jung

Legislative Day No. 9

Date: May 26, 2021

Amendment No. 3

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**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Melinda Collins <melinda@mqcollins.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 10:45 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Funding for HCPSS

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

To whom it may concern:

I am an incoming PTA VP at Northfield Elementary and have only been in the Howard County School District for two years. When our family relocated from Charlotte, NC to Ellicott City, MD a few years ago, selecting a school district was an essential part of that transition. Howard County's Public School System's reputation is incredible, but it will only remain that way if we are willing to put forth the resources and effort necessary to meet the standards expected from a superior school district.

With Covid, students really took a hit. They missed so many learning opportunities, including the basic lessons learned from daily face-to-face interaction. As we move into the year ahead, it is essential that the Board of Education has the financial means to support students, as well as their entire family. We have an obligation to serve our future generations with the education they need to thrive in our society. Please vote to adequately fund the educational system and standards of HCPSS.

Thank you,

Melinda Collins

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Grace Boachie-Ansah <gba2k@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 5:52 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** HCPSS Education Funding

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Good day,

As the County Council prepares to vote on the completed county budget, I write to request that the HCPSS Board of Education proposed budget amount be maintained. It is critical that the educational obligations and standards of the Howard County Public School System be adequately fund to support our students!

Thank you kindly for your attention to this matter!

Grace Kena  
HCPSS parent

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** R M <emailfortestimony@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 5:36 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Some Concerning Amendments

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

My parents moved to Columbia before I was born; drawn here by Rouses dream town. Growing up I benefited greatly from living in a mixed-income community- something I didn't quite realize until I met people who had not, especially kids of other IT workers.

The high home prices and the lack of middle-income affordable housing in this community are threatening the dream. That shining city on a hill that I hope to raise my own children in. I was very worried to see projects that have mixed middle-income and low income housing referred to as concentrations of poverty (since when is the middle class a poor!) despite being right next to a large areas of market-rate housing and also that there will be amendments that will prevent these places from even being built. Perhaps in other parts of the county it might be fine to make it accessible only to people who can afford \$700,000 homes but in Columbia it is not.

Please ensure that these projects can continue I understand that the pandemic has constrained our budget (though with the crazy home sales it looks like that Recordation Tax would have really helped us) but the amendments to not be structured in a way or done in such a way as to prevent these buildings from happening

I know a lot of people are saying 'but the school system' but how can we have a school system that attracts great teachers if young teachers starting out cannot live anywhere near where they work? Especially with how teachers were treated during the pandemic the County Council must do its part (housing, county services) to attract them.



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Kathleen V. Hanks <Kathleen\_Hanks@hcpss.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 1:59 PM  
**To:** Cathy Datz; BoE Email; BallBulletin; CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin B; Michael Martirano; Hira, Safa  
**Cc:** Theo Cramer  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Important time sensitive Requests for retiring HCPSS Teacher

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Dear Ms. Datz:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education and the Office of the Superintendent. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your question to Dr. Theo Cramer, Community Superintendent. He or his designee will contact you. Once again, thank you for your email.

Kind regards,

Kathy Hanks  
Administrator  
Board of Education of Howard County  
Phone: 410-313-7194  
Email: khanks@hcpss.org

**From:** Cathy Datz <cathydatz@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 11:14 AM  
**To:** BoE Email <boe@hcpss.org>; Howard County Executive Calvin Ball <ballbulletin@howardcountymd.gov>; councilmail@howardcountymd.gov; Councilmember Calvin Ball <cball@howardcountymd.gov>; Michael Martirano <Michael\_Martirano@hcpss.org>; Safa Hira <shira@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Important time sensitive Requests for retiring HCPSS Teacher

**! CAUTION: This email originated from outside of HCPSS. Do not click links or open attachments, unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Members of the BOE and Dr. M and Dr. Ball

I am reaching out to ask for your assistance for an incredibly special retirement. Mary McCoy has been the PE teacher for Lisbon Elementary for 38 years. That is right 38 of her 39 years has been at Lisbon. She has taught almost 3 generations and many children of students she had over the years. I have had my children in HCPSS for 22 of the 24 years I have lived in Lisbon and I have been honored to have her teach all three of them. I am the PTA president, and I oversee the making/getting the retirement gifts from the parents and community. I need some help; I am very happy to the work once I have the information.

1. How would be go about have the Lisbon ES Gym dedicated and named after her Mary McCoy? I reached out to Vicky however I know she is remarkably busy. We would like this to happen by June 11<sup>th</sup> (her Retirement Parade). I do not know

the procedure but hoping with a BOE meeting on 5/27/21 it could be "voted" if a necessary step. The PTA would pay for any signage or letters just send us the bill. We are trying to surprise our Lisbon Admin and Staff also but I will tell them before hand if you would like us to.

2. We are making a sign that has the Date Lisbon was opened, the total number of Students from 1983 to 2021, the total number of teachers in those years, the total number of Principals/VP in those years, the number of Field days held at LES, total renovations/upgrades since 1983. This would be added to the final line of PE teachers... 1. We can add number of BOE, CE, and Superintendents if you would like us too. If you can point me in the direction of where to find these numbers, I will do the Math and work, I just need the info.

3. We have Guest books at The Grill at Lisbon located in Lisbon where the community and past and present students can add pictures, notes, memories, I am hoping that all members of the BOE, Superintendent, the County Executive, the County Council would be willing to add a note or card to it. If you are unable to get to Lisbon by 6/11, please send it to me at Cathy Datz PO Box 13, Lisbon 21765.

4. The parade is 6/11 from 1-2 pm if any of you would like to show this amazing and dedicated teacher how much she means to Howard County (she is a HoCo resident too) and HCPSS please attend the car parade. If we can give her the Gym dedicated at that time that would be AMAZING, then all her "children" can be a part of it.

5. We would like to make a special timeline for her, but we need Gym flooring. Mrs. McCoy worked hard to get the gym floor for Lisbon, and it looks the same as the day installed. She has protected that floor, my children (ages 31, 22, and 9 all remember the rules of Mrs. McCoy's floor). We are hoping that one of the floors being renovated or removed we can have a few pieces to paint the timeline of events on it (and she has been through a lot)

I realize this is a short notice, but I know together we can do this and send this dedicated PE teacher into retirement with honors and love. Please contact me by email or phone anytime. Please let me know how we can have this happen. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

Cathy Datz

Lisbon PTA President

Lisbon Parent

22-year HCPSS parent

28 year Howard County Resident

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## Sayers, Margery

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 1:28 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support for HoCo Schools

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Hello Council Members for Howard County,

I am a mother of two daughters in 1st and 2nd grade at Northfield Elementary School. I am aware that you will be voting on next year's county budget. Many of you are parents, I urge you to adequately fund the educational obligations and standards of the HCPSS. Our school's, especially Northfield, are already overcapacity; let's not diminish our standards too.

Sincerely,

Marina Nellius, parent and Howard County resident

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Kellie Song <Kellie\_Song@hcpss.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 12:59 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Re: HOCo Budget

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Thank you,

Kellie Song

Earth Science Teacher  
Oakland Mills High School  
9410 Kilimanjaro Road  
Columbia, MD 21045  
410.313.6945

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**From:** Vicki Learn <Vicki\_Learn@hcpss.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 12:16 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** HoCo schools need funding!

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Please stop short-changing the education budget!  
Our teachers have not been given a cost-of-living increase in YEARS. We need your support to be able to continue to do our best to support our students!  
Thank you!

### Vicki Learn

Special Education/ Math  
Oakland Mills High School  
(410) 313-6945

*"Fight for the things that you care about but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."*

*(Ruth Bader Ginsburg)*

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**From:** Erin Winston <elwinston@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 12:13 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** HCPSS budget

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Hello all,

I am writing to urge you to fully fund the hcps budget requests.

As a parent, I have seen the extra mile our teachers go to ensure our students get the very best. This year, we saw teachers draw a line. When I see individuals that would do anything for our children demand that limits be set, I see we have a huge problem in our system. Teachers have been reinventing their job and working through a pandemic any way they can. Teaching is an incredibly demanding job on an easy day. What I have seen my daughter's teachers do is truly phenomenal.

What happens when they (for the second year in a row) have to take a pay cut? What happens when schools cannot provide the training and support our teachers need to best support our students? There is already a nationwide teacher shortage. Don't make the career any less palatable by refusing to fully fund our schools.

Not fully funding the hcps budget will have repercussions for years to come. I implore you to do all you can to fund our schools.

Thank you for your time.  
~Erin Winston

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Elizabeth Plot <elizabeth.plot@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 11:06 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** No cut to school funding

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Good morning,

I understand you are voting on the budget tomorrow and that education funding will be a part of that discussion. I implore you to fully fund the public schools. Given the increase in the price of homes being sold in our area, it seems reasonable that you should be able to find the funds to make sure that our children are back on track in the fall.

Many of our students have sacrificed their education and well being this past year and will need extra support in the new academic year. Please make sure the teachers and administrators have the resources to support our students and families.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Plot

Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Suzanne Penny <suзpenny@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 11:04 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** funding

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***I am writing to request you adequately fund the educational obligations and standards of the Howard County Public School System!***

***Thank you,  
Suzanne***

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Terri Marcus <terri.marcus@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 10:48 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Fund our Schools

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Dear Council Members,

As the final budget decision is quickly approaching, I just want to write in support of funding our schools as much as possible. Maintaining the school system's excellence is the key to maintaining Howard County's excellence. Without that reputation, I (and likely thousands of others) would not have chosen to live here and pay the premium price associated with living within this county's borders. I don't think anyone wants to see a decline in our schools leading to a decline in Howard County's desirability.

Good luck with your decision making process. I know it can't be easy.

A constituent,

Terri Marcus  
District 1 Resident  
6226 Mill River Ct.  
Hanover, MD 21076

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Rachelle Pierre-Mathieu <rpierremath@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 7:51 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** HCPSS Budget

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Dear County Council,

I am writing this email to express my support to adequately fund the educational obligations and standards of the Howard County Public School System. I am a resident of Howard County, a parent, PTA member, and PTACHC representative. Please restore the difference between the BOE budget and the County Executive's proposed budget for the sake of our children. We have all suffered in some way during this pandemic but as a society we are collectively tasked with protecting and supporting the most vulnerable members of our society. The children in Howard County deserve a fully funded school system in order to promote their growth, mitigate learning losses, and to begin to repair the trauma of this pandemic.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Rachelle Pierre-Mathieu

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Chair <hongling.zhou@capa-pac.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 23, 2021 10:46 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** board@capa-pac.org  
**Subject:** CAPA PAC request for school funding

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Dear Council Members,

The Chinese American Political Association (CAPA) PAC is formed by a group of concerned parents who care deeply about our children's public education and the future of Howard County and HCPSS. The majority of our members are first generation immigrants as well as HCPSS parents. We choose to live in Howard County for its excellent schools and diverse and inclusive environment.

We were disappointed to see that there is again a funding gap between the HCPSS board requested 2022 operating budget and the County Executive proposed funding. The school has experienced in last few years repeated class size increases, staff reduction and program cutting. With ever growing budget constraints, the school would not be able to keep the high education standard that is the foundation for the reputation of HCPSS. CAPA PAC strongly supports the amendments introduced by Council members Jung and Yungmann (Amendment 5, Amendment 17 and Amendment 18) that deal with increasing the school's capital systemic program (for deferred maintenance) and operating budget (including for health fund deficit). We sincerely hope that the Council will pass these amendments and provide much needed additional funding to the school system.

Our school system is the greatest asset for Howard County. The school system's reputation is the single most important factor that Howard County is able to keep attracting more families to come and stay here. The two leading revenue sources for the County are property taxes and income taxes which are 43% and 26% of the total revenue respectively. If these two revenue sources were to incur a significant decrease due to the deterioration of the school system, it would be detrimental to the future of the Howard County.

We firmly believe the county budget needs to shift its priority to the education of our children. The county needs to shrink its spending in some other areas and increase the share of spending for HCPSS. The investment in education will in turn bring more prosperity to Howard County.

In addition to the budget, the quality of our school system is also closely associated with laws and regulations of the County. We request the County Council to consider enacting a Moratorium to any housing development under the condition that Portables would not have to be added in the school with the respective development. Not only Children should not be in the substandard environment such as portables during the school days, but also such a Moratorium will help eliminating the Line item in the school budget for portables and the expenses could then be used for items that would improve education in the classrooms.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hongling Zhou, Ph.D.

Chair, CAPA PAC



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**From:** Kathleen V. Hanks <Kathleen\_Hanks@hcpss.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 20, 2021 1:04 PM  
**To:** Stephanie Mummert; BoE Email; Stephanie and Mai; superintendent@hcpss.org; CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Student Board Member  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Please find a way to support special education

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Dear Ms. Mummert:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education regarding the Board's FY 2022 Requested Operating and Capital Budgets. We will save your email as written testimony for the public hearing process. Please note that written testimony is part of the public record and is uploaded online to BoardDocs as part of the public hearing. The public is able to submit written testimony at [BOE@hcpss.org](mailto:BOE@hcpss.org) until 48 hours prior to the vote. The Board is scheduled to have an additional work session on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. All Board meetings are televised and live streamed.

Once again, thank you for your valuable input.

Kind regards,

Kathy Hanks  
Administrator  
Board of Education of Howard County  
Phone: 410-313-7194  
Email: [khanks@hcpss.org](mailto:khanks@hcpss.org)

**From:** Stephanie Mummert <skmummert@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 20, 2021 8:12 AM  
**To:** BoE Email <boe@hcpss.org>; Stephanie and Mai <secacchair@gmail.com>; Superintendent <superintendent@hcpss.org>; councilmail@howardcountymd.gov  
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Dear Board, Superintendent and Councilmembers,

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I know how dedicated our special educators are, how hard they all work and how overworked (and overwhelmed) they are right now as more and more is piled on their plates at the end of the year. They need help, desperately.

The best way, long term, to help them is to ensure they have sufficient funding now so that they can have more hands on deck to help to meet the tremendous needs of students with disabilities as we all begin to recover what they lost during the pandemic. Let me be clear, as one of our board members reminded us during a SECAC meeting, while the budget line item ask may seem large today, it's not a windfall. Every single year that I've been paying attention, the superintendent asks for a budget that attempts to "invest in special education" which is really an attempt at recovery from chronic underfunding year over year. To make an analogy, in capital budget work sessions HCPSS often discusses deferred maintenance of our physical facilities - HVAC, building maintenance, parking lots, etc.. The special education department is in need in much the same way, and has suffered from deferred funding and maintenance of what they need to function, year after year. The funding you deliver to them now not only meets the existing needs of our students and staff but also must meet the growing needs of our special education students as many will return for the first time next fall. They need more staff to do the job.

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Just because these dedicated professionals always seem to find a way to make it work without enough money or time or staff, expecting these educators to pull a rabbit out of a hat will eventually stop working. Then, it's the students that suffer. It's the mental health of your valuable educators that suffers and they will leave the profession. It has already happened. I will never, ever forget the special educators that begged, in tears, that they were at a breaking point. That was back in November of 2019. Before the pandemic. Before this unprecedented time that has hit our special education kids so hard. Their pleas weren't heard in the finalized budget that year. Please, please, listen to them now, they need you.

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Stephanie Mummert

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**From:** Kathleen V. Hanks <Kathleen\_Hanks@hcpss.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 20, 2021 1:03 PM  
**To:** Marcia Morales; CouncilMail; BoE Email; superintendent@hcpss.org  
**Cc:** Stephanie and Mai; Student Board Member  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Special Education is in need

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**From:** bombick@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 8:21 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Calculations

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Dear County Council,

I was interested to hear council members Mercer-Rigby and Yungmann discussing the need for business plans for new Capital projects. This sounds like a great idea for determining the anticipated cost to fully fund a project in perpetuity. Please consider requesting that plans for capital projects include associated costs such as leasing office space, moving/storage costs, operational and facilities costs, and additional staffing required.

Below please find the calculation shared with you in Budget Work Session by Dr. Wu to explain the costs of enrollment growth to the school system. I found this a very clear and valuable explanation of education costs for a layperson. As you make decisions about capital and operating budgets, it would be helpful for similar calculations for other services/departments in order to determine the cost of proposed services in the county per housing unit or resident and explore how the county will address funding needs.

Growth in the school system is about 1,000 students annually above the previous year. This rate of growth is among the highest in the state of Maryland. Because funding is based on student calculations using the previous year's student numbers, \$10-12M of the budget request each year is to pay for this growth. In order to maintain services (no COLAs, no additional programming, etc.), HCPSS would require at least this funding annually beyond MOE.

There is some question this year about whether the student projections will be accurate due to the effects of the pandemic. Howard County has the lowest number of students in non-public among peer counties, making it likely that many students will return (MSDE Enrollment Projections). Additionally, it is likely that a good deal of enrollment loss last year was due to deferred kindergarten enrollment. It is likely that in the early grades will return to pre-pandemic levels when schools resume normal operations.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,  
Cate Bombick

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Calculations shared by Dr. Wu:

### FUNDING NEEDS BECAUSE OF STUDENT ENROLLMENT GROWTH

1. We have been seeing an average of 1000 new students per year for HCPSS in the past 10 years. Assuming 10% of the growth are students with special needs.
2. The increased cost is :  $900 * 10,000$  per student for general education from county funding +  $100 * 30000$  per student for special education from county funding = 12 million dollars
3. Another calculation using average (16k per student )  $16k * 1000 = 16$  million dollars. County funds 2/3 of those, which is equivalent 10.6 million dollars.
4. So in general, we need more than *10 million extra dollars each year* to accommodate student growth in order not to increase class size or cut service.

## Does housing development pay the cost?

1. Assuming a house has two students over 30 years staying at HCPSS, ignoring inflation.
  2. The property tax for a 400k house is  $4k \times 30 = 120$  K dollars in total.
  3. The cost for 2 new students for HCPSS:  $50k$  (per student per seat in capital budget)  $\times 2 + 10000 \times 13$  (years)  $\times 2 = 360$  K dollars
  4. The gap of funding is **240 K** per house.
  5. If the house keeps generating students continuously (*the family moves in only when students attending HCPSS, assuming 20 years for two students*), the tax will be  $4k \times 20 = 80k$ . The gap will be **280k**. Every forty year, the funding gap will be **560K**, more than **half million dollars**.
  6. There are also many other costs (infrastructure, county government etc) beyond school system.  
<https://chaowu.org/2021/05/10/some-math-about-hcpss-funding-needs-and-gaps/>
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2 Police Offer positions from 12 to 5 months  
1 Police Service Support Specialist position from 9 to 2 months

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224,528)	BWC: Reduce funding for 6 Administrative Analyst positions from 9 to 2 months
(866,950)	
(78,172)	Unfund 1 Operation Supervisor position
(55,641)	Unfund 1 Maintenance Worker position
(66,002)	Delay new efforts for Harriet Tubman - reduce funding for three positions from 12 to 7.5 months
(50,184)	Fund two positions at a lower step or with a delay
(249,999)	
(65,182)	Delay new effort for Courthouse - reduce funding for 4 new deputy sheriffs from 9 to 6 months
(30,364)	Delay new effort for Courthouse - reduce funding for 4 new deputy sheriffs from 9 to 3 months
(17,779)	Delay new effort for Courthouse - reduce funding for 1 technical position from 9 to 3 months
(46,678)	BWC: Reduce funding for 1 Lieutenant Deputy Sheriff position from 9 to 2 months
(76,046)	BWC: Reduce funding for 2 Deputy Sheriff positions from 9 to 2 months
(336,049)	
(20,422)	Eliminate new effort for 1 investigator position
(46,126)	Eliminate new effort for contingent equity pay
(66,548)	
(83,007)	Remove duplicate data entry
(05,310)	BWC: Reduce funding for 1 Principal Attorney position from 9 to 2 months
(86,886)	BWC: Reduce funding for 1 Senior Attorney position from 9 to 2 months
(35,131)	BWC: Reduce funding for 4 Administrative Technician positions from 9 to 2 months
(52,796)	BWC: Reduce funding for 3 Entry Level Attorney positions from 9 to 2 months
(23,485)	BWC: Reduce funding for 2 Attorney positions from 9 to 2 months
(51,167)	BWC: Reduce funding for 1 Human Services Specialist position from 9 to 2 months
(55,260)	BWC: Reduce funding for 1 Technical Services Support Specialist position from 9 to 2 months
(793,042)	
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Subtotal BWC savings:  
(1,699,709)



# HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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May 17, 2021

Howard County Board of Education  
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Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Chair Wu and Members of the Board of Education (BOE):

I want to acknowledge the concerns that you have raised regarding our proposed FY2022 operating budget and express my appreciation for the collaborative spirit in which you have engaged with us over the past few weeks. As we are collectively working to resolve challenging issues and ensure the safe return to a full five-day instructional model this fall, I am thankful for the open dialogue and your availability as we strive for a shared solution to provide additional funding for the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS).

Following our discussions and upon further examination, I am pleased to inform you that we plan to work with our County Council to amend our proposed FY2022 operating budget to add \$4 million for HCPSS. If supported by the County Council, this funding will be shifted in anticipation of adjustments to the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) calculation by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), which we expect will increase the MOE level from \$602.7 million to \$620.3 million in the coming days. Providing this additional funding to HCPSS will not come without sacrifice, as we will be adjusting the implementation timeline of our Body Worn Camera program, defunding critical vacant positions within County government, and restructuring costs associated with the opening of the new courthouse to offset the proposed increase to the HCPSS operating budget.

Additionally, we will be working with our County Council to amend the currently proposed categorical allocation and fully fund your requests for the Instruction and Special Education categories. Our educators have continued to provide excellent service to our students during this challenging time, adjusting to new learning models and performing their jobs in both virtual and in-person settings. While final categorical allocation decisions are subject to your approval, this proposed amendment will meet your current request for salary and benefit increases and provide over 70 new positions to meet the needs of our special education students based on your proposed budget.

With this \$4 million in additional County funding for the HCPSS operating budget, the proposed amended operating budget will now place HCPSS funding levels at \$6.5 million above the anticipated revised MOE level. This level of funding would exceed both the 10-year and 5-year averages for County funding above MOE and fully fund your requests for education and special education, while allowing the opportunity for you to provide additional support from your fund balance for the HCPSS operating budget as part of our shared solution. This County funding will be provided in addition to the \$10 million in one-time funding currently proposed by the County to contribute to the resolution of the HCPSS health fund deficit.

In furtherance of our dialogue and collective efforts to increase the amount of funding for HCPSS, I would ask that you consider using your existing fund balance in the FY2022 operating budget to further support our educators during this difficult time.

HCPSS budgeted between \$6-12 million of its fund balance in each of its past three (3) operating budgets but reduces its fund balance usage to \$0 in the currently proposed FY2022 operating budget.

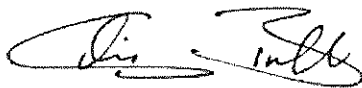
Further, HCPSS has an unassigned fund balance of \$13.1 million at the end of FY2020 and expects to accrue significant additional fund balance in FY2021, with year-to-date spending levels both well below budget and below spending levels at this point in FY2020. School systems across the region are utilizing a significant amount of fund balance in their proposed school budgets. We are asking that you consider taking similar action and use your fund balance to support our educators and children in the currently proposed budget as has been done in previous budgets.

BOE Approved Budget	Use of School Fund Balance		
	FY2020 Budget	FY2021 Budget	FY2022 Request
Baltimore City	\$22M	\$15.3M	\$17.5M
Baltimore County	\$30M	\$31.3M	\$31.3M
Anne Arundel County	\$13M	\$13M	\$13M
Harford County	\$5M	\$2M	\$3M
Frederick County	\$9.4 M	\$14M	\$13.9M
Prince George's County	\$28M	\$43.7M	\$83.9M
Montgomery County	\$25M	\$25M	\$25M
<b>Howard County</b>	<b>\$12M</b>	<b>\$8M</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Moreover, HCPSS has or will receive over \$82 million in federal funding to account for unanticipated expenditures moving into the new fiscal year, including over \$43 million in funds yet to be received from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER).

Last, I would request that you act regarding the use of fund balance in the FY2022 operating budget prior our County Council's vote on May 26<sup>th</sup>. It is our hope that the County Council will be able to consider the totality of our shared contributions to increase funding for HCPSS as it considers this important issue. Your action to indicate the amount of fund balance available for use in the FY2022 operating budget prior to May 26<sup>th</sup> will allow the County Council and the public a full understanding of our shared solution as the Council votes to approve our proposed budget.

I appreciate the challenges that our educators have endured over the past year and am hopeful that our shared efforts to increase the HCPSS operating budget will be used to foster a positive teaching and learning environment for both our children and educators. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Calvin Ball  
County Executive

Cc: HCPSS Staff  
Howard County Council  
Howard County Delegation

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**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Ellen Sowry <ellenbsowry@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 9, 2021 5:39 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** School Funding

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Dear County Council Members-

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my testimony. I have been a resident of Howard County for 12 years and have closely followed different aspects of local government throughout that time. I recognize what challenging positions you have and thank each of you for your service!

Today I am writing to request that you make fully funding the HCPSS budget a priority in this county. I have 3 children in the HCPSS, one in elementary, one in middle, and one in high school. I have been an active member of the PTA/PTSA at their various schools for several years, serving as the President at Dayton Oaks Elementary for the prior 2 years and currently serving as a PTACHC delegate for both Dayton Oaks PTA and Glenelg High School's PTSA. Every year, I have paid close attention to the budget process and watched as the Superintendent and then Board of Education make their requests, and the County Executive provide a budget that falls short of what was requested. Then the County Council is left to make adjustments. Ultimately the Board of Education is forced to cut funding to programs, increase class sizes, and make other adjustments to what is needed to properly fund the school system. It is incredibly frustrating as a parent to see this happen year after year. I know that we are still facing a worldwide pandemic that has taken a toll on so many and caused so much need. I also recognize that there are many competing needs when it comes to the county budget. However, I strongly believe that our children, and in turn our educators, deserve better! Please find ways to fully fund the HCPSS budget by increasing revenue and making sure that the policies that you put in place allow for enough resources for the growing number of students who come to our county for a stellar education.

Thank you for your time-

Ellen Sowry  
5008 Green Bridge Rd  
Dayton, MD

May 10, 2021  
Funding Allocated to HCPSS:  
Operating Budget

Howard County Council,

Good morning, my name is Kathy Howell, and I am an HCPSS parent, stakeholder, and Howard County resident. Thank you for allowing me to speak. I am here to speak in opposition to the proposed County Budget, because of its inadequate funding of Howard County Public Schools.

I am here to speak against the budget and to offer a cautionary tale. The trends that I see in Howard County are quite concerning, especially when it comes to school funding. I am quite confused about how we expect people to continue to move here with underfunded and overburdened schools. Many people are here for the schools and would not have chosen to move here otherwise. People pay quite a bit of money to purchase and rent here, so their children can attend these schools. How it is then that leaders seem to be doing so much to squander it all?

I am not from Howard County, and I know what other school systems and communities are like. Why do you think I am living here now? I see a slow moving train wreck. I see it coming and the people with the ability to stop it aren't.

I see a school district that is already struggling to do more with even less. How does that work? How do you shoe string a school budget? Underfunded schools do not serve many of their most vulnerable students, and that means there is less for all students. Less money, less staff, and the county loses its bragging rights. How do you attract the most talented teachers while refusing to give them the tools to teach our students? How do you tell teachers to do more with less?

You want to speak about these excellent schools, but the county wants to underfund them, while prioritizing developers, during a period of time when teachers are quitting or retiring early, because they are demoralized. What is the insensitive which will keep teachers here under these conditions? They can earn more elsewhere. We have teachers retiring early and quitting because they are demoralized due to the ill treatment they have received. We were already short of teachers and counselors. We expect to have more students with emotional and mental health needs after this pandemic. How can they receive the help they need with no money to pay for it?

There is a word that gets thrown about quite a bit here, and its equity. True equity is for everyone. I cannot for the life of me understand how we are so loud about that, but we undermine it every step of the way. I cannot understand how any equity can take place when we cannot serve the needs of our students, our gifted learners, our minority learners, our eager learners, our learners with disabilities and those with none. Equity is just an empty word when you do not back it up with action.

Do the right thing by investing in the schools. Please stop underfunding and undermining the thing this county says it values most.

Thank you.  
Kathy Howell  
8389 Old Frederick Rd.

Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** heather.urner@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 12:22 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Budget Work Session Tesyimony  
**Attachments:** Figure shifts.pdf; Changes to focus on.pdf

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Good Evening All,

My name is Heather Urner, I am a County Resident and Public School Parent. My address is 10332 Hickory Ridge Rd Apt 738 Columbia MD 21044. I am writing testimony for the morning work session occurring on Monday May 10th at approximately 9:30 am. By this day the County Executive, Mr. Calvin Ball, will have given you all the outlined budget. I urge you all to make changes. In this stage of the budget it is the County Council whom all have the power to vote to increase the budget that was presented to them, and I say do so. I say relocate all monies planning for any SRO body camera program to go into the HCPSS Operating budget. As it stands now our public school will be dealing with a negative 28.9 million difference in Operating Expenditures. In that, I also encourage you all to look to fund HCPSS beyond the MOE. We need to not think of any soundbite headlines but we need to know that the locals in Howard County know what the math actual looks like with what gets approved.

The old MOE looks like so much was done to fund schools at 20.1M above MOE, but when you adjust figures the math only shows 2.5M. Howard County parents know and have the data where, since FY 2015 (5.23%) the gigantic slide in the percentage of County Funding per Pupil caused a massive gap, from its lowest dip in FY 2018 of 0.26% to its hardly worth bragging about climb to 0.41% in FY 21 from 1.20% in FY 20. We are a county that brags about the achievement of its students and yet we don't listen to the parents that seek answers to cuts from BOE that knowingly happen because the County Council doesn't take the action to say NO to MOE. Howard County parents are well aware that our children need a School budget beyond the MOE. We can not continue to cut our school budget and think that parents' can't see the timeline of how the budget works. BOE can not add to the budget once they've received it, they can only cut. This isn't any excuse, this is the action they have available to make to given budget work.

We need the County in all of its levels to say and show that MOE is not enough. How can we continue to rest on something that maintenance, when our education system is not maintaining. Is overcrowding maintaining, is uneven opportunity in programs throughout each of the schools maintaining, is sharing a school nurse maintaining, are outdated APFO equations maintaining? HCPSS parents know our schools NEED and DESERVE MORE. In the steps of the budget it is now in YOUR HANDS to adjust what you see in front of you and SAY HCPSS NEEDS AND DESERVES MORE. Show the Howard County Families that you know we are watching, we are analyzing, and that we are remembering who voted on or refused to take a stance on fully funding OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM.

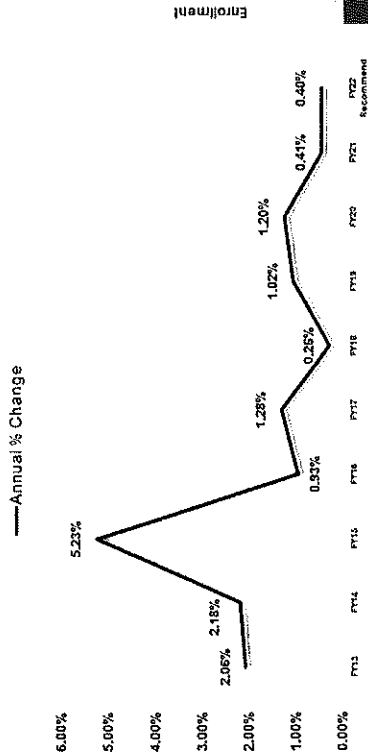
Let your actions bring HCPSS the funds they need to give our students the pathway to a more fruitful education. Let your actions show that we are the County that others' look towards in knowing that investing in education brings so many rewards. We know education is key and is important, show us you know this by fully funding the schools and adjusting the budget to give the BOE that to give to our students and teachers and staff.

Thank you for you time,



Heather Umer

# County Funding per Pupil- Yearly Change



# FY 2022 Budget Considerations

# FY22 Expenditure Increases

Item	FY22 Cost	Item	FY22 Cost	Item	FY22 Cost
• One-time Health Fund deficit elimination	\$ 18,690,886	• Increase funding for Workers Compensation Fund	\$ 462,425	• Board of Education in-house 1.0 Legal Counsel	\$ 75,419
• Attracting and Retaining High-Quality Teachers and Staff	\$ 6,650,954	• Increase in MABE Insurance premiums	\$ 379,282	• Addition of a 1.0 Nurse	\$ 69,972
• Digital Education Center (DEC)	\$ 6,229,432	• Shift of 2.2 Grant funded position to the Operating Fund	\$ 274,016	• Sustaining 1.0 Social Worker from Horizon Foundation grant	\$ 50,000
• Funding Commitments for Special Education New Enrollment and Existing Service Levels	\$ 5,957,451	• Increase funding for County water/sewage maintenance fee	\$ 211,852	• Benefit Costs for Nurse, Grant shifted positions, & Social Worker	\$ 43,338
• Funding Commitments for General Education New Enrollment	\$ 4,090,577	• Building Security Commitments	\$ 190,000	• Student Transportation routing software	\$ 37,022
• Meeting Financial Commitments to Health Insurance	\$ 3,693,285	• Increase to life insurance	\$ 142,000	• Benefit Costs for New Legal Counsel	\$ 24,581
• Enhanced Supports for Students and SRO Alternative	\$ 3,438,339	• Other non-enrollment increases	\$ 200,551	• Increase for Risk Management contracted services	\$ 17,743
• Sustaining technology Infrastructure and Cybersecurity Safeguards	\$ 3,279,433	• High School Athletics HUDL Streaming Service	\$ 100,000	• Increase unemployment claims	\$ 10,000
• Enhanced Efforts in Reading Instruction and Dyslexia Training	\$ 896,272	• Transfer Lobby Guard maintenance from Technology Fund	\$ 77,500		



## Comparison to Prior-Year Funding

	FY 2021 Approved	County Executive Recommended	Difference
<b>Revenues</b>			
County Operating	\$620.3M	\$622.8M	\$ 2.5M
County One-Time	-	\$10.0M	\$10.0M
State	\$282.7M	\$282.5M	\$(0.2)M
Other	\$7.7M	\$7.4M	\$(0.4)M
Fund Balance	\$8.0M	-	\$(8.0)M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$918.7M</b>	<b>\$922.6M</b>	<b>\$4.0M</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Operating	\$918.7M	\$912.6M	\$(6.0)M
Health Deficit One-Time	-	\$10.0M	\$10.0M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$918.7M</b>	<b>\$922.6M</b>	<b>\$4.0M</b>



Due to rounding, numbers may not sum.

## Understanding Maintenance of Effort

- **Maintenance of Effort (MOE)**
  - State law requires local governments to maintain the per pupil funding at least at the same amount as the prior year
  - The MOE must be funded by the local government
- **Calculation of Required MOE for the Budget (two step process)**
  - First, determine the per pupil funding amount that must be maintained by taking the current year county funding (excluding any one-time) divided by the prior school year official enrollment (the year prior to the funding year)
  - Second, multiply the per pupil funding amount by the greater of the prior year **official enrollment** or the 3-year average official enrollment, excluding Sept 2020 enrollment

On April 9, 2021, HB 1372, the Kirwan "Fix Bill" changed the **official enrollment** calculation for MOE. Before the change, prior year enrollment was used.

The BOE Requested Budget was based on the old calculation and assumed a hold-harmless action by Legislature.



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## FY 2022 Maintenance of Effort

### Old MOE Calculation- Sept 2020 enrollment

FY21 Funding	/	Sept 2019 Enrollment	=	Per Pupil Base	*	Sept 20 Enrollment	=	FY22 MOE	CE FY22 Recomm.	Above MOE
\$620.3M <sup>1</sup>	/	57,386	=	\$10,809	*	55,755	=	\$602.7M	\$622.8M	\$20.1M

### New MOE Calculation- HB1372

FY21 Funding	/	Sept 2019 Enrollment	=	Per Pupil Base	*	Greater= Sept 19 Enrollment	=	FY22 MOE	CE FY22 Recomm.	Above MOE
\$620.3M <sup>1</sup>	/	57,386	=	\$10,809	*	57,386	=	\$620.3M	\$622.8M	\$2.5M

3-Yr Avg= 56,387

Good Morning Council Chair Walsh and Council Members,

My name is Benjamin Schmitt and I'm the Vice President of the Howard County Education Association. This morning I'm speaking on behalf of over 6,000 educators in the Howard County Public School System.

This year, our members have redesigned teaching, engaging students we only know as avatars on screens, and supporting them through this pandemic. Employees are working 10-14 hour days, weekends, holidays, enduring sleepless nights, stress, fatigue, and trying to take care of their own families too. Nationally, teaching has always been an undervalued and under supported profession. However, Howard County prides itself on its public schools. People move here for children to attend our schools, and elected officials always tout how much they care. We're repeatedly told that education is a priority, but year after year not given the funds to meet the rising demands our students bring to school each day.

And, now, we pivoted once again, teaching concurrently, which is terribly difficult. Imagine, splitting your attention between 10-20 students on a separate monitor in a Google Meet, while another ten are in front of you in the classroom. You don't have the ability, nor all equipment, to use an LCD projector, document camera, laptop, and an additional monitor for the Meet, all at the same time. So, you make due, and the students in front of you are still glued to their own screens in order to access the lesson and interact with peers. Imagine having to split reading groups in a way that decreases screen time, while going against best practices. Or having to modify curricula on a daily basis, as it wasn't already sufficiently prepared for this situation, trying not to shortchange students at home or in-person. And in between your own classes, you have to sub for educators because there aren't enough substitutes. These are just some examples of what our educators experience every day in our new normal.

Now, after perhaps the hardest year for educators and students over the last three decades, we've been shown once again, just how little we are appreciated, and how little our work is valued by our Board of Education and our County Executive. This past year, in the doom and gloom presented about the budget, County employees received step and two percent, but our agreement was broken. We were told, yet again, there wasn't enough money in the County budget to support the negotiated contract. Alas, revenues still increased by tens of millions. Currently, houses are selling at record prices, yet, all the county could see fit to give the school system was an additional \$2.5M in reoccurring funds.

Last year, in addition to underfunding our contract, we needed 300 educators to adequately cover our special education students, but could only hire 107 with the funds allocated. The amount we owe in compensable services keeps growing because of this continued underfunding. Additionally, we were unable to add new counselors, school psychologists, and social workers to assist the growing mental health needs of our students.

This is unacceptable, just as it is unacceptable that as the County's revenues increase, the percentage the school system receives decreases. We're tired of seeing historic fund balances

from ultra conservative projections. In 2019, we were allocated 53% of the budget. This coming year we are slated to receive 50% (the lowest since 2012 when we received 56%). The additional 3% would allow HCPSS to have \$35M more than allocated. And, you only have until July of 2024 to raise educator salary scales by 10% under the new Blueprint Legislation. Unlike Howard, surrounding counties are making historic investments in schools right now!

I've taught in the county for 23 years, and can't think of a time that we haven't fought for crumbs from the budget, especially over the last 10-12 years. Going through this process yearly, to feel so unappreciated, to listen to so much doublespeak, is sorrowful, stress-inducing, and demoralizing for all of our educators. It doesn't help motivate others to go into the profession, or attract and retain current employees.

The County is not alone in their disrespect to education and educators. Our own Board of Education refuses to settle negotiations. Instead, they want to get more money from you and the ability to spend it as they see fit. We're repeatedly asked by the school system to take on a larger portion of our health care costs which would leave educators actually having less disposable income due to zero to minimal salary increases.

Educators have sacrificed year after year for our students and families. The County and the BoE have a duty to fight for the resources that our children need. Instead, we see childish finger pointing. This leaves educators underpaid, our schools short staffed, and leaves students without the services and resources they so desperately need. Actions speak more loudly than words. Do the hard work. Do what is necessary. Fund the school system. Fund our contracts. Fund special education and the wrap around services our students need. Make Howard County and its school system the example to follow, rather than leaving it falling further behind.

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**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Paul H <myoldsmoky@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021 10:16 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** HCPSS budget concern

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Hello Howard County Council members,

I'm writing to you to express my concerns over the budget that's being allocated to HCPSS. The county executive gave merely \$2.5 mm this year, this is far less than what's expected, the healthcare only would increase \$3.6 mm alone, let alone other costs. Education is very important and that's one of the many reasons people choose to live here in Howard County. I would like you re-consider the budget for HCPSS. Thank you very much.

Regards,

Paul Huang  
4905 Alice Ave, Ellicott City, MD 21043  
443-762-4833

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Gordon Gao <gordongao88@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021 12:02 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Please increase the education budget

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Dear Council,

I have been a resident of Howard County since 2013. I am shocked to learn that the budget on education has not increased at the same pace of other expenditure. Education is the reason I came to Howard County. I urge you to consider make the increase of your budget to \$13m.

Thank you,

Gordon Gao, Village of Riverhill, Clarksville

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Joanne Harkness <joanneharkness@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:24 AM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** Please consider bus service for parochial schools

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Dear Council Members,

I am a longtime Howard County resident and am cordially requesting you to reconsider the public bus service to parochial schools. We do not use county resources for the majority of our child's education, yet we do pay our county taxes. We choose, at our own expense, to have a religious education for our child.

I implore you to please consider adding bus service back for parochial schools, even at limited capacity.

Thanks,  
Joanne Harkness  
443-937-5730



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Rina Roca <rinasant@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 2:01 PM  
**To:** BOE@Hcpss.org; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Fwd: Howard Co. NO School Bus transportation

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Rina S. Roca  
rinasant@aol.com

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Rina Roca <rinasant@aol.com>  
**To:** cball@howardcountymd.gov <cball@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed, Apr 21, 2021 1:55 pm  
**Subject:** Howard Co. NO School Bus transportation

Dear Mr. Calvin Ball,

I am hoping you can help us. I am the grandmother of two children who attend Catholic School here in Howard County. I have been taking and picking the children's up from school since last week of August 2020, because the Howard County School Board chose not to provide bus transportation for them. As of today the Howard Co. School Board again, will not provide Bus transportation for my grandchildren for the next school year. Our families are residents of Howard Co. and we paid 62% equal more than \$ 15,000.00 to the Howard Co. School Board each year in taxes.

1. This situation is very upsetting, very expensive, hurtful, unjust and teaches division, discriminations in children at very young age.

2. I ask to be reimbursed for my expenses for taking an picking up the children from school since August 2020

and will be doing this till the end of the school year. I will be happy to submit an itemized statement basically is two hours of my time each day plus thirty miles a day.

Mr. Calvin Ball I gratefully appreciate your assistance in this serious situation.

Rina S. Roca  
rinasant@aol.com

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jeanne Lay <jeannelay@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 5:28 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** April 20 school system capital budget

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Good afternoon - I understand that the April 20 County Council Budget Hearing will include capital budgets for the school system. I'm writing in support of funding capital improvements needed at schools in the Oakland Mills cluster.

Our community is absolutely thrilled to see visible signs of progress in constructing a new Talbott Springs Elementary School. And some of us have also been following along with the updates made to Hammond High. Though that school is not in our cluster, it's exciting to see the care and attention expended across HCPSS.

I'd like to have some visibility into the lifecycle management process of the county schools. I'm sure that maintenance, renovation, and construction needs are regularly evaluated, and that a lifecycle management tool is in place to continuously evaluate the condition of the variety of aspects that keep a school building sound.

In particular, we are all aware of the deferred maintenance needs of Oakland Mills Middle and High Schools. Existing infrastructure must be maintained as part of that lifecycle management. How old are those primary elements/systems across all of HCPSS, and at what age should each component come up for renewal, maintenance, and/or replacement?

Lifecycle management should be a fundamental element of capital planning. Not school capacity, leadership, or student achievement levels in any areas. My thought is that when evaluating several critical elements that keep school buildings operating smoothly, the Council may find that buildings in the Oakland Mills Cluster will be found wanting.

Thank you  
Jeanne Lay  
Oakland Mills resident  
301-919-7821

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Chris Rodgers <croddgers@stlouisparish.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:29 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** Bus Service for Parochial Schools

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Executive Ball and County Council members,

As a Howard County resident and part-time teacher at Saint Louis School in Clarksville, I was disappointed to hear that the budget recently approved by the Howard County School Board would eliminate funding for bus transportation to parochial schools within Howard County in the coming academic year. Since September, Saint Louis has managed to remain open for in-person instruction with a virtual option. Doing so safely presented a number of logistical hurdles at the beginning of the academic year, and I am pleased to report that we have overcome these hurdles through the implementation of a range of measures, including dividing students into "cohorts" (with minimal interaction between cohorts), social distancing within classrooms, enforcement of mask-wearing, frequent hand-washing/sanitization, aggressive cleaning of school facilities, and set policies for the isolation of potentially ill members of the school community.

While we look forward to the eventual end of these safety measures, we remain concerned about another logistical challenge which we have faced this year - transportation. Hundreds of students in our school means hundreds of cars traveling to and from Saint Louis twice each day. While we have done our best to establish staggered arrival times and our faculty members have taken on the added burden of standing out in the parking lot under all weather conditions to direct traffic, we have still seen days when the line of cars stretches out to State Route 108. Bus service would greatly reduce the number of vehicles needed to transport students, reducing traffic congestion in the Route 108 corridor and diminishing environmental impacts through an overall lowering of carbon emissions. In addition, the provision of bus service would allow us to better serve underprivileged minority communities in the Columbia area, as bussing would give equal access to students whose parents lack the flexible working hours necessary to personally drop off and pick up their children each day.

As a public school graduate, I value the impact which a quality public education system can have both on individuals and society as a whole. At the same time, I also recognize the benefit in empowering parents to make decisions concerning the education of their children which will be in the best interests of their particular families. This means that an array of options should be available to parents, rather than just a one-size-fits-all model. When we work together, we can ensure that all students have access to the form of education which is best for them, and that society as a whole benefits from a well-educated populace.

With these things in mind, I respectfully ask you, as the elected executive leadership of Howard County, to exercise your authority to encourage the School Board to reevaluate the elimination of bus transportation to parochial schools. Thank you for your time and for all that you do on behalf of the residents of Howard County.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Rodgers

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Angela (Comberiate) Garippa <amcomberiate@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 3, 2021 10:22 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** Support Bus Funding for Parochial School Children

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Greetings,

I am writing to urge you to reinstate county funded busing for parochial school students. Private schools in the county educate many children, which saves Howard County a tremendous amount of money. I am a parent of students at St. Louis School in Clarksville.

There are many families at St. Louis School that rely on the county buses in order to be able to send their children to St. Louis. For their sake and for the safety of our children, I urge you to reinstate the county funded busing for parochial schools. School busing is a small cost to pay for the safe transit of our children while reducing traffic on our congested roadways, especially the Route 108 corridor.

Thank you,  
Angela Garippa

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Alison Hickman <alisonhickman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 1:58 PM  
**To:** BoE Email; superintendent@hcpss.org  
**Cc:** CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin  
**Subject:** Science-Based Request for 5 Days of Fall Instruction

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Dr. Martirano and Board of Education Members,

I am requesting that you please follow the science and implement 5 days of full in person school for the fall and announce that intention now. By fall, all adults who want to be vaccinated will be vaccinated. Our students will have been out of in-person school for a year, while private school students with parents who could pay have been educated largely in-person for the past year. We attempted to get into a private school for access to a more likely in-person education and were unsuccessful in obtaining slots in our school of choice - demand is very high right now. There are those who would say it is just the buildings that were closed this year, that education was still delivered. For some students, including my first grade son, that is simply untrue due to age, behavioral or parental employment limitations.

I will have an incoming kindergartener and second grader; my son has been homeschooled for the past year due to his reticence to sit at the computer for virtual coupled with my need to attend meetings for my employment during the virtual window. We tried it for a month, and frankly during that window I determined it was not a good use of either of our time. He effectively could not access a public education unless I quit my job for the bulk of this school year. I am not re-enrolling him for the spring because I do not believe it would be helpful for all involved for him to come back mid-school year, but I have already enrolled both children for the fall. We will participate in whatever the school system comes up with, but I beg of you to make it meaningful, worthwhile, non-screen based and follow the science.

The science on COVID-19 thus far tells us that fomite transfer is not a method of transmission, that masks and ventilation are important, plexiglass is not useful, and that the distance between 6 and 3 feet has no impact on transmission. Please do not focus on things like excessive cleaning, materials sharing, and other data points that do not impact transmission. Please, through leadership and science get our students back in the buildings for in-person education with their teachers, not classroom monitors. Please get our students back in the classroom with educational materials, not laptop computers causing eye strain, delivering excessive screen time to our already-screen entrenched students. This is really something you should be striving to achieve right now rather than in the Fall, but at this point, I'd take some progress on the Fall as a positive.

I am not a "Reopen" person who favors reopening business, restaurants, and other things when it is not safe. I am not someone who has advocated eliminating the student board member vote. I am just a regular, sometimes reasonable, mom who has followed a number of qualified epidemiologists on twitter, and from my armchair epidemiologist seat (I guess that is a lot of us these days) our county has had a failure of leadership in following the science and providing students an in-person education. **But do not listen to me or any other stakeholder that is not a medical professional who specializes in public health- I am not qualified to make this determination and neither are they or you. I want you to listen to:**

- The CDC [CDC on 3 feet](#)
- Joseph Allen, assistant professor of exposure assessment science at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Helen Jenkins, associate professor of biostatistics at Boston University School of Public

Health <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/03/22/schools-finally-have-road-map-they-need-fully-reopen/>

- Dr. Ashish Jah, Dean of Brown University School of Public Health [Schools Need to be Bolder About Reopening - Public Health Official](#) "That deep fear people have has meant, unfortunately, that we're not having a science-based debate about schools."
- Dr. Scott Gottlieb, resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and was commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, 2017-19. He serves on the boards of Pfizer and Illumina. Dr. Caitlin Rivers, an epidemiologist, is a senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security. [How to Make Spring that Last Lost Semeste](#)

It is my hope that you will signal clearly that your intention is to get students back to school using science as a guide and by following through on that intention with an efficient meeting that doesn't involve the board navigating the scientific nuances in detail, but instead delegating those to appropriate qualified professionals. This board spends meeting time on details that, while important, should be delegated to appropriate school leadership and science-based advisors with subsequent approval by the board if needed.

As a taxpayer and county resident, I am deeply frustrated with the pace of planning and decision making and I suggest that part of that issue is that the board is not delegating decision making enough to the appropriate roles and is weighing in on too many issues and details. If an external public health professional could establish appropriate constraints needed for the district to implement in-person education and the board could delegate the implementation following those constraints to Dr. Martirano and his staff entirely, I suggest that might be a much more efficient path forward. Then the board could confidently approve any proposed plan knowing 1) the current public health guidance was interpreted by a qualified medical professional 2) the educational implementation of that guidance was implemented by a qualified education professional. Instead, it appears to me that the board is involved too deeply in the establishment of factors embedded in items 1 and 2, and then are not able to confidently approve plans. For example at a recent meeting, time was spent addressing board member concerns related to how students were moving within a hallway and finding a bathroom when new to the school as part of the transition to back to in building. School leadership was able to confirm this was already on their radar and this was already addressed. This is an example of the board getting too in the weeds on the small details and not leading on the larger strategy, mission and execution needed to get students back to school. The board should be providing mission and vision on a broader scale than some of the detailed view it takes and the board is not functioning as an oversight body at times, but sometimes as a management body. If more detail was delegated to qualified stakeholders, the decision-making could be more efficient, functioning more as an oversight rather than management role, and board members could be confident that it was based on the latest science and educational guidance.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am including the county council and Dr. Ball as I know there is continued coordination between the county and the school system.

Sincerely,  
Alison Hickman  
6454 Red Keel  
Columbia, MD 21044  
301-580-5442

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Brian & Janet Pate <patefamily@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 7:19 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** in support of busing for parochial schools

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Howard County Council members:

I am a parent of children who attend St. Louis School. I am writing to express my support for the renewed funding of busing for our schoolchildren. This funding has historically had a profound impact for many families and enabled children from diverse backgrounds to attend our school. Parochial schools help reduce the significant cost and space burdens that our county schools continue to face. School busing is a small cost to pay for the safe transit of our children while reducing traffic on our congested roadways, especially the Route 108 corridor. As a taxpayer, I believe it is only right that funding for busing be available for parochial schools, and not just for those who wish to make use of the public schools. I appreciate your consideration of this very important issue.

Janet & Brian Pate

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Agheigh Lankerani <alankerani@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 19, 2021 7:23 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** St Louis buses

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Good evening,

I am writing to request that you consider funding for St Louis Catholic School buses for next school year. One of the reasons we initially chose this school was the bus option for our two kids. My husband and I work regular hours and it's hard to drop off and pick up. Thanks for your consideration.

Nicky Lankerani

Sent from my iPhone



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Douglas Iannarino <djiannarino@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 19, 2021 2:55 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** School Buses canceled

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Well, so much for it's all about the children! While lamenting over public school students in Howard county and elsewhere it is obvious the feeling is not equal for the Catholic students of Maryland and Howard County. Terrible disappointment for the treatment of the institution that founded America's educational system! Tax dollars belong to the people of this county and I would wager that if you asked them about stopping buses for these schools they would not support it. While we are willing to support immigrants of all types, and some pay no taxes, we do not support the people that do pay taxes and have lived in the community for years or a lifetime! This is a shameful day in Howard county! Nothing to be proud of. There are plenty of resources to fund this if you WORK to find them.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Margaret D. Metcalf <margaret.d.metcalf@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 19, 2021 1:34 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** Support Bus Funding for Parochial School Children

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County Executive Ball,

I am writing to you as a St. Louis parent to express my support for the renewed funding of busing for our schoolchildren. This funding has historically had a profound impact for many families and enabled children from diverse backgrounds to attend our school. Parochial schools help reduce the significant cost and space burdens that our county schools continue to face. School busing is a small cost to pay for the safe transit of our children while reducing traffic on our congested roadways, especially the Route 108 corridor. I appreciate your consideration of this very important issue.

Thank you,  
Margaret Metcalf

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Eileen Forrestel <eforrestel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 19, 2021 11:29 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Bus service for St Louis School

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear County Council

I am very disappointed that bus service for St Louis School in Clarksville was not approved for the budget.

You have to know how much more congested the traffic will be in that area twice a day. Our students take a lot of educational burden off the county.

Providing simple bus service to our families is a small price to pay for those spots you would have to accommodate in the local schools.

Please consider approving bus service to our school.

Thank you,

Eileen Forrestel

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** hildon.mathieu@starpower.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 11:45 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** School Buses for St Louis

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

As a county **TAX PAYER** and a St. Louis parishioner I want you to provide to continue the busing for ALL schoolchildren to include those enrolled at St Louis School in Clarksville. The funding for this busing has historically had a profound impact for many families and enabled children from diverse backgrounds to attend our school. Parochial schools help reduce the significant cost and space burdens that our county schools continue to face. School busing is a small cost to pay for the safe transit of our children while reducing traffic on our congested roadways, especially the Route 108 corridor.

You want a "green county", this would be a definite step to reduce carbon footprint! A few buses vs 400+ cars twice a day just for our school's children.

You want to be able to offer outstanding education for the children of Howard County! St Louis School does that and beyond! As do the other private schools which have remained open.

It should be obvious to you that it is not in the best interest of the environment, the citizens and our children for the Howard County School Board to eliminate funding for buses to our school and other Catholic schools in the county. Their decision needs to be reversed and we request you do so.

I appreciate your serious consideration of this very important issue.

Hilda Mathieu

13180 Clarksville Pike

Highland MD 20777

301-854-3028



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** C O'Connor <coconnor89@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:06 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Fw: Reinstate funding for buses immediately to Parochial schools!

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**From:** C O'Connor  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:04 PM  
**To:** councilmail@howardcountygov.md <councilmail@howardcountygov.md>  
**Subject:** Reinstate funding for buses immediately to Parochial schools!

Dear County Council,

I was very, very disappointed to read that the budget approved by the Howard County School Board recently eliminated funding for buses to St. Louis School and other Catholic schools in the county. I will continue to advocate for the bus program!

The families that are receiving the bus service are full-time taxpayers to the county. Instead of paying more than \$6,000 per student to educate each of these children in public schools, the county just pays \$316 per parochial school pupil for bus transportation.

It results in a savings to county taxpayers, because without the bus service, many of St. Louis families would have to send their children to public schools. In this age with both parents working, the public transportation is crucial in getting students to school.

Parochial school parents also argue that public buses ferrying their children do not represent a breach of the separation of church and state. We say we are also taxpayers -- who just want to see a fair share of their tax dollars going toward busing their children to school.

Please reinstate funding for buses immediately to Parochial schools!

Sincerely,  
Mary O'Connor  
Clarksville, MD

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** GERALDINE MADDEN <mikegeri@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 2:14 PM  
**To:** Jung, Deb; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** school bus funding for parochial schools in Howard County

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Mr. Ball, Ms Jung,

We are writing to you as both voting constituents and as members of St. Louis parish in Clarksville. We are dismayed, to understate it, at the decision to not provide financial support for the continuation of the school bus service to St. Louis and other parochial schools. Our grandchildren attend county public schools, and we are thankful for the high quality of education our tax dollars make available. And we are quite happy to have our tax dollars provide transportation support for the parochial schools. This is an investment in the future of the country and county as you are well acquainted with the high quality education that the schools provide. Providing them with transportation has a real impact on reducing automobile traffic congestion and related other undesirable effects. We both urge you to undo the ill-considered decision being offered to cancel support going forward.

As constituents, we will consider your decisions.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael T. Madden  
6409 Silent Moon Run  
Clarksville, MD 21029  
240-755-0303

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Carol DUNN <cdunn806@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 2:04 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** all county council

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

TO each and every one who is thinking of stopping all buses to the Catholic, Charter and Private schools. Please think again ---the children and their parents need this service. We all want to get back to running our lives normally. The schools need this help in planning and making their budgets. The parents are right now stretching to make their budgets. Please don't take the children transportation away. I am a member of St. Louis Church in Clarksville --and I have no children in the school.

Please help to keep the buses rolling for the children

Thank You  
Carol Dunni



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Kelly Gribbin Gleason <kelly.gribbin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 1:45 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin  
**Cc:** CouncilMail; Jung, Deb  
**Subject:** Support Bus Funding for Parochial School Children

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

County Executive Ball and Howard County Council Members,

I am writing to you as the parent of a student at St. Louis School, to express my support for the renewed funding of busing for our schoolchildren. This funding has historically had a profound impact for many families and enabled children from diverse backgrounds to attend our school. Parochial schools help reduce the significant cost and space burdens that our county schools continue to face. School busing is a small cost to pay for the safe transit of our children while reducing traffic on our congested roadways, especially the Route 108 corridor. I appreciate your consideration of this very important issue.

Thank you,  
Kelly Gleason

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Kelly Gribbin Gleason  
773-677-6075

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Carmen Fritz <carmenafritz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 12:09 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail; Jung, Deb  
**Subject:** Busing to Catholic schools

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Dr Ball,

With great disappointment I have learned that the Board of Education has refused to support busing to Catholic Schools, especially while we continue to struggle with the consequences of this pandemic and when so many families are facing issues that they have never had to face in other times. Now the Board of Education wants to add to these challenges of these tax paying families by refusing to bus their children to their respective schools when they have done this in the past. Forgive me for thinking this is cruel behavior on their part when these families are supporting them through their taxes even if they do not get salaries. I am asking you to support these families, many of whom have supported and voted for you. Please consider my plea by advocating fairly for these children and their families who depend on this transportation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Carmen Fritz

Sent from my iPhone

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** DocketMasters- Lisa Kim <lfenton72@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 10:27 AM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** Please restore bus service to private schools. It is a win-win for everyone. Remember government is for the people. Private school parents are also "the people" who also pay full taxes into the public school system.

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Private Listing <johannaklema@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 10:21 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** School buses

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Good day,

I am writing in support of county bus service for nonpublic schools in Howard County.

Bussing a child to school in this county should be considered a basic human service. We talk a lot these days about issues of human rights or discrimination or privileges, but I have to ask why it is so hard to see that dynamic in play in this situation of educating our youth without double burdening them to pay for bus service— they and their supporters are already double paying for the education itself. It is not an undue burden to offer that child a seat on the bus. Civil rights started in 1955 with debates about riding buses, and here we are over 60 years later still playing around with people's rights to sit on a publicly funded bus. Shame on you in 2021 if you cannot see helping a wee child get to school as a basic human decency that we can afford. If the issue is balancing the budget, look for frivolous spending, not necessary spending. If the issue is not balancing the budget, then I have to ask Why in heaven's name are you doing this? As a punishment to families who don't further burden the public school system? For heaven's sake, help them help the county. If it costs you 50 cents a day for them to save you 50 dollars a day, spend the 50 cents. We should be nothing if not practical, pragmatic, and sensible.

The cost per student to bus children is less than to educate them. I am paying my property tax for both, and if a family can reduce the cost burden on the county by keeping a child in private school, it helps keep costs down for the county. They deserve bus service. Otherwise it is tantamount to being charged for a public bus that you are discriminated against riding. That is worse than being told you cannot buy a bus ticket.

Each family supporting a parochial school still pays their Howard County tax bill. They have an honest need for an equal right for access to that bus, especially important if they cannot afford to pay twice for transporting their child to school, once in the taxes and once again if you cancel their right to bus their child to school,, a school in which a lot of families cannot afford the full tuition. That is no platitude or puffery or whatever the right word is — it is true. There are many students who are there only through the assistance of others' support, who would be crowding their local public schools without that support, and who pay their Howard County taxes but could not afford tuition or even the bus service on top of their Howard County taxes. That is the reality for many families. It is not a rare exceptional situation, it is a commonplace issue. I support allowing that child to step on a county funded ride to school to become educated. I consent also to my taxes being used to pay for bussing all Howard County children to daily schooling, no matter what days of the week they have school and no matter what school they attend in Howard.

Thank you for your time.

Johanna Klema

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Kim S <kimscanio@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 6:26 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Parochial School Busing-Plea

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

I am writing to you as a St. Louis parent to express my support for the renewed funding of busing for our schoolchildren. This funding has historically had a profound impact for many families and enabled children from diverse backgrounds to attend our school. Parochial schools help reduce the significant cost and space burdens that our county schools continue to face. School busing is a small cost to pay for the safe transit of our children while reducing traffic on our congested roadways, especially the Route 108 corridor. I appreciate your consideration of this very important issue.

Thank you,

Kim and Jim Scanio

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Amy Martin <amymartin14@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 9:27 AM  
**To:** ball@howardcountymd.gov  
**Cc:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Bus Funding for Parochial School Children

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County Executive Ball and Council Members,

I am writing to you as a St. Louis parent to express my support for the renewed funding of busing for our schoolchildren. This funding has historically had a profound impact for many families and enabled children from diverse backgrounds to attend our school. Parochial schools help reduce the significant cost and space burdens that our county schools continue to face. School busing is a small cost to pay for the safe transit of our children while reducing traffic on our congested roadways, especially the Route 108 corridor. I appreciate your consideration of this very important issue.

Thank you,

Amy Martin  
Parent

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Karin Mortensen <kmort99@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 8:25 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** John Mortensen  
**Subject:** Support school bus funding for parochial school children

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*I am writing to you as a St. Louis parent and District 1 resident to express my support for the renewed funding of busing for our schoolchildren. This funding has historically had a profound impact for many families and enabled children from diverse backgrounds to attend our school. Parochial schools help reduce the significant cost and space burdens that our county schools continue to face. School busing is a small cost to pay for the safe transit of our children while reducing traffic on our congested roadways, especially the Route 108 corridor. I appreciate your consideration of this very important issue.*

Thank you,

John and Karin Mortensen

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Beth Stolte <elizabeth.stolte@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2021 9:17 PM  
**To:** Chao Wu  
**Cc:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Budget Work Sessions

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Dear Dr. Wu,

The Howard County Public School System's Operating Budget is close to a billion dollars – funded from our tax dollars. Citizens have a right to know how that money is being allocated and the Board of Education's budget work sessions are an important way for us to gain this information. Therefore, we strongly request that Board members are not limited in the number of questions, nor a 5-minute time limit, for questions they can ask during work sessions.

Keep in mind that HCPSS has had a multi-million-dollar deficit since 2016, which has had a significant impact on our children's education. HCPSS increased class sizes twice since 2016, cut reading and math support teachers, reduced teacher's materials of instruction by \$7.2M, reduced the special education budget request that the Superintendent called "debilitating", and much more. It is very important that parents have a good understanding of how our tax dollars are proposed to be spent.

You ran for office to represent us, so please allow Board members to ask the questions and be provided the answers that tax payers and parents deserve to hear.

Very truly yours,

Beth Stolte