

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

Resolution No. 92 -2025

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

Short Title - Howard County Board of Education – Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget

Title - A RESOLUTION setting forth the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for the Howard County Board of Education.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2025.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2025.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted____, Adopted with amendments____, Failed____, Withdrawn____, by the County Council
on _____, 2025.

Certified By _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

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

WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed a Fiscal Year 2026 general fund expense budget for the Board of Education containing:

County funding of \$801,505,000

County funding includes \$1,505,000 use of prior year fund balance, or PAYGO, to cover nonrecurring costs that will be excluded from the subsequent budget year maintenance of effort calculation if approved by the State Department of Education.

State funding of	\$370,415,508
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Federal funding of \$410,000

Other funding of	\$14,593,869
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Use of HCPSS Fund Balance	\$0
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Total general fund expense budget of \$1,186,924,377; and

WHEREAS, all restricted funds included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Board of Education total \$483,384,012; and

WHEREAS, debt service for the Board of Education is paid directly by the County government and for Fiscal Year 2026 totals \$52,677,240; and

WHEREAS, OPEB for the Board of Education beyond PAYGO amount is paid directly by the County government and for Fiscal Year 2026 totals \$7,518,907; and

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Year 2026, a portion of teachers’ pension liabilities for the Board of Education, which used to be paid by the State, in the amount of \$6,674,510 is paid directly by the County government; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this ____ day of _____, 2025 that the Fiscal Year 2026 budget of the Board of Education is divided into major categories as attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2026**

General Fund Budget	\$ 1,186,924,377
01. Administration	\$15,341,000
02. Mid-Level Administration	\$70,958,000
03. Instructional Salaries and Wages	\$446,864,222
04. Instructional Textbooks & Supplies	\$8,286,000
05. Other Instructional Costs	\$21,590,000
06. Special Education	\$190,687,000
07. Student Personnel Services	\$11,008,000
08. Student Health Services	\$13,638,000
09. Student Transportation	\$68,140,000
10. Operation of Plant	\$56,321,000
11. Maintenance of Plant	\$28,739,000
12. Fixed Charges	\$252,420,813
14. Community Services	\$1,741,342
15. Capital Outlay	\$1,190,000
Restricted Funds	\$483,384,012
School Construction	\$100,644,000
Food and Nutrition	\$28,606,565
Print Services	\$2,670,674
Technology Services	\$30,064,109
Health	\$245,328,455
Workers' Compensation	\$3,439,700
Grants	\$72,086,958
Glenelg Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$243,551
Jim Rouse Theater	\$300,000
Other Expense Paid by County	\$66,870,657
Debt Service	\$52,677,240
OPEB	\$7,518,907
Teachers' Pension Liabilities	\$6,674,510
Total General Fund, Restricted Funds and other Expenses Budget	\$1,737,179,046