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Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 3:55 PM
To: Budget Testimony
Cc: Ahmad, Yousuf; CouncilMail; boe@hcpss.org; Bill Barnes
Subject: FY 26 Operating Budget Hearing comments
Attachments: A DeBella-FY26 Howard County Operating Budget Public Hearing Comments.docx

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Hello,

I am signed up to provide public comments to the County Executive on the FY26 Operating Budget at the December 9 Public Hearing. Attached please find testimony in favor of fully funding HCPSS.

VR,
Anthony DeBella
Laurel, MD 20723

FY26 Howard County Operating Budget Public Hearing Comments- December 9, 2024
Anthony DeBella

While Howard County has the capacity to pay for many amenities, we must remember that our public schools are the bedrock of our communities and the foundation of our economic growth, in addition to being mandated by state law.

In fact, the State of Maryland is mandating that we increase our commitment to education to meet the aspirations of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. Howard County's Operating Budgets dating back to 2021 have cited "On average over 60% of general fund operating budget has been allocated for education in recent years." In FY2020, Our County Executive's first Operating budget proudly cited "Education is the top funding priority of my administration," later noting "County spending on education ... represents 64% of our total general fund resources."

So why the change in language? Successive budgets show a steady decline in Howard County's spending on education by the county executive's own measure: falling (to 61% in FY22, 59% in FY23, 58% in FY24, and most recently) in successive years to 55% for FY25. Increases in the dollar amounts allocated don't measure up to the increases in costs as measured by CPI-U.

Howard County has steadily backed away from its financial commitment to our public schools by any measure publicly available. The share of HCPSS general fund expenses borne by the county has dropped from 77% in FY2019 to 73% in FY26, letting the state bear an increased share of our obligation while starving HCPSS of available resources. As income and property valuations rose with inflation, per capita general fund revenue has remained relatively steady in inflation adjusted dollars, and in fact for FY25 is 8% higher than its highest recent value (FY09). That is incomes for everyone outside education. According to a November 20, 2024 article in the Baltimore Banner¹, teachers settled for a 3.5% raise and HC Library staff were offered 2%, while county employees receive raises of 5-7%. All while middle and high school students had class sizes increase to the detriment of the broad and diverse curriculum.

You know how highly valued HCPSS' academic curriculum is and found a way to collaborate with our new Superintendent and Board of Education to avoid further reductions to academic programs in FY25 that represent the core of a school system's function. We expect that last year's public engagement will convince you that further reductions to academics will not be tolerated.

I call on you and our County Council to publicly commit increased funding sufficient to accommodate HCPSS' response to Mandates from Maryland's Blueprint to the Future, Commitments to employees and students (employee benefits, staffing Guilford Park HS, transportation) and supporting the best of our superintendent's worthwhile priorities to

¹ "Howard County Library Workers Press Board of Trustees for Higher Wages," by Abby Zimmardi, published in Baltimore Banner, November 20, 2024.

strategically position HCPSS as a desired destination for students, teachers, and their families. I hope that he and the Board of Education will request sufficient funds to meet the demonstrated needs of our students and educators.

Employee compensation, closing gaps in special education staffing, and school safety and security all are places where strategic investment will help HCPSS provide educational opportunity for all students.

Years of underfunding HCPSS have left no more margin for finding efficiencies. Paper is rationed. Transportation for in-county music assessments has been reduced. Students at Mayfield Woods no longer have an opportunity to participate in science fair. The opportunities that distinguish a Howard County education are steadily being eroded away.

From: angela whalen <angwhalen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 9:35 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Board of Education Operational Budget

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I have been an employee for over 20 years, and the last 5-8 have been significantly more draining and difficult. I have seen a marked change in the services that children who have disabilities receive despite staff working harder. It does not work to do more with less year after year, with less and less support and acknowledgement. I know other jurisdictions have also struggled, however, when I have spoken to staff they share that they have multi year contracts and wages that are higher. I used to be proud to be a part of such an excellent system. I do not think we are the same system now, yet I and the rest of my colleagues are working harder and sacrificing more in and out of work to provide the care and support we know our children and families should get. I urge you to come to an agreement that is a fair, multi-year contract, that honors the work we all do on a daily basis, and is competitive with surrounding districts. I understand that the state and county budgets are in a precarious position and that not everything can be funded. The BOE can't continue to prolong negotiations each year, and not expect morale to worsen, and the BOE needs to rely on the county to allocate funding that will adequately meet the needs of the education system. It is very stressful and impacts not only employees but the whole community.

Thank you for your careful consideration,
Angela Whalen

From: Jacqueline Bates <jacqiefive@gmail.com>
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Dear Howard County Council,

This year I am a 20 year teacher I taught at a private Catholic school in New Jersey and a public school in Washington, DC. I have seen a variety of school settings and moved to Howard County for the “good” school system. I left DC because class sizes and duties were growing and teachers pay was merit based. I saw colleagues lose their hair and go on sabbatical because of stress and toxic employment relationships. I am starting to feel, both as a parent and educator that Howard County is becoming more and more like DC, but maybe even worse. We are lowering the standards instead of raising them. We are increasing class size instead of lowering it. There is a lack of consequences for behavior county-wide. Students are roaming the halls instead of being in class because there is not enough staff to monitor the hallways during the day. There are too many meetings and not enough self-directed time. I took a \$25,000 pay cut (same position) to leave DC and work here because I believed that this county would be a better place to raise a family. That belief has been shattered. Our students are literally killing each other. There has been no town hall meeting to discuss the violence. There is way to much on our plate and nothing is being taken off. We at least deserve a fair wage and a multi year contract.

Jacqueline Bates
Mother of Two
20 Year Educator

From: Melissa Pilcher <mlm1975@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 12:49 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Board of Education Operational Budget

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I am a special education teacher at a Title One School in Howard County. Not only are we teaching the children, we are providing for their basic needs and helping to parent them. I spend every minute at work, doing my job. I work through lunch every day and spend an average of 12 hours a week working outside my contract hours to the benefit of the children on my caseload. I have over 25 years of experience, and this job keeps getting harder. Caseloads are getting larger, paperwork increases, Tienet stops doing something and the solution is not to fix Tienet, but to make teachers do more. I do what I do because I love the children, but I also love my family. I cannot keep up at this pace. At the very least, it would nice to be compensated appropriately. I want a fair, multi-year contract, that honors the work I do on a daily basis, and is competitive with surrounding districts. The morale worsens the more you delay and disrespect us.

Just a thought. Melissa L. Pilcher

From: Kristen M. Reier <Kristen_Reier@hcpss.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:21 PM
To: CouncilMail; Sun, Holly; Ahmad, Yousuf; Ball, Calvin
Cc: Carla J. Bacon; Amanda Brady; Lisa J. Carl; Meredith Adams; Meg Ricks
Subject: HCPSS Operating Budget

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Good afternoon County Council members and County Executive Leadership Team,

Yesterday, our Board of Education voted to approve the proposed budget and I am writing to strongly urge your support for the funding outlined in that budget. Last year, due to budget shortfalls, my role as an Instructional Team Leader (ITL) was significantly impacted by the removal of our planning time.

This reduction in planning has significantly impacted my ability to perform crucial duties that ensure our students' success and well-being. Tasks such as advocating for my department, coordinating with colleagues, meeting with administrators, and organizing events to support student engagement and growth have been hindered. Without the necessary planning time, I am unable to carry out these responsibilities effectively, which ultimately affects the quality of education we provide.

As a teacher with 17 years of experience, I understand the importance of making difficult financial decisions during times of fiscal challenges. However, maintaining sufficient support for teachers is essential for the ongoing success of our schools. We cannot continue to expect high-quality outcomes while overburdening our staff.

Please consider the long-term impact of your decision and approve the funding that will allow HCPSS to reinstate critical planning time for ITLs, ensuring we can continue to provide the support our students and teachers deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kristen M. Reier
French Teacher
World Languages Instructional Team Leader
National Honor Society Sponsor
French Honor Society Sponsor
South Asian Club Sponsor

From: Torie Grant <toriegrant@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 2:11 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fully fund HCPSS schools

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Dear Howard County Council,

I am reaching out to strongly request that you fully fund the HCPSS FY26 Operating Budget.

Anything less than a fully funded budget risks increased class sizes, cuts to specialized programs, cuts to staffing, less individualized instruction, and fewer opportunities for all learners. Teacher and staff cuts hurt students and weaken our community.

Our children are still suffering the educational effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Math and reading scores remain lower than pre-pandemic levels. The coming years are a critical juncture in the education of Howard County children. Anything less than a fully funded budget is doing a giant disservice to our children and risks further academic decline.

Here in Howard County we are privileged to live in a diverse community. Many families, including immigrant families, move to Howard County for our wonderful public education system. These families make our community stronger. Cuts to educational programs will risk the loss of these families as they move elsewhere in search of better opportunities for their children.

The children of Howard County are the future of our community and world. Their education should be a top priority for local leaders. Fully funding the HCPSS budget tells the children and their families that you believe in them and prioritize investing in their future.

I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Thank you,

Torie Grant
HCPSS Parent, Pediatrician, and Community Member

From: Koliofotis, Ally <ally_koliofotis@umr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 3:13 PM
To: CouncilMail; Budget Testimony; Ball, Calvin
Subject: Make Students a Priority- APPROVE the BUDGET

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Hello

Writing to you today to remind you that all eyes are watching, as parents, teachers, citizens and taxpayers we are asking the Budget submitted by the HCPSS School Board be approved. Don't run down our school system down. It was top of the line one once upon a time. Reminding you that is your job, to look out for the best interest of our students. If this continues our school system will be subpar with the rest of the state. I don't believe as current administration/council you want that on your hands or on your watch. We want **FULL Funding** for our schools.

Regards,

Ally Koliofotis

Senior Field Account Manager

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From: Alison Hickman <alisonhickman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 6:43 AM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: superintendent@hcpss.org; BoE Email
Subject: HCPSS

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Dear County Council and County Executive Ball,

I don't have all the answers but this county's perception of how our school system is experienced is at odds with reality. At least some of the answer to that challenge needs to come with budget. I've certainly highlighted some perceived waste I see in transportation costs due to inefficient redistrict plans and I know there is some level of efficiency to be found, however that's just not going to solve the budget issues.

Our class sizes as just one example are unacceptable and I think we need to target some significant dollars here. Please revisit your funding intentions and consider deploying some additional dollars to target the most critical issues students are navigating such as class sizes. I have two current students and am stepparent of an adult graduate. All three are very different. Kids that need more support are having a REALLY hard time in the school system we've set up for them and class size adjustments and more paraprofessionals are absolutely critical- invest significant dollars here PLEASE.

Thank you for considering deploying significant additional funds with targeted focus on the areas that desperately need support. Teachers and our education system is a critical social backstop and our kids and broader community are in need of our support now more than ever.

Alison Hickman

From: Jacquelin McCoy <Jacquelin_McCoy@hcpss.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 5:51 PM
To: Alison Hickman; CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: superintendent@hcpss.org; BoE Email
Subject: Re: [External] HCPSS

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Thank you, Ms. Hickman, for your advocacy. These are extremely challenging times. I hope we all recognize that schools and communities didn't get to where they are overnight and it will take time and serious commitment to overcome the challenges in education that has been a reality for decades but are coming to light now that more people are being directly impacted.

We must work together as a community to overcome these challenges. It won't be easy or fast and may be more painful than we can know but the work must be done. I for one am willing to do my part as best I can.

Be well,
Jacky McCoy
Educator
[Howard County Board of Education](#) (At-Large County 1)
Pronouns: she, her, hers

Real Education, Real Access, Real Family Engagement

From: Alison Hickman <alisonhickman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 6:43 AM
To: councilmail@howardcountymd.gov <councilmail@howardcountymd.gov>; cball@howardcountymd.gov <cball@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Superintendent <superintendent@hcpss.org>; BoE Email <boe@hcpss.org>
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From: [Aimee Kandelman](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:38:50 PM

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County Councilperson David Yungmann,

Dear Members of the County Council,

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Educators like me are counting on you! We will see you at the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 30.

Sincerely,

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From: [Alice Slattery](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 8:48:09 PM

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Sincerely,
Alice Slattery

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From: [Allyson Glassband](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 8:21:22 PM

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Sincerely,
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From: Amanda G <amanda.goeke@gmail.com>
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To: CouncilMail
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Dear City Council Members,

We are exhausted from fighting... we fought hard last year to keep our elementary music programs and GT teachers, and though we won all of those threatened cuts back, it was exhausting. Many of us are fighting against our current country's administration decisions, our spouses losing their federal jobs, our country losing its precious land to oil and forestation companies. Please don't make us keep fighting. We are exhausted, we will fight hard, but we are exhausted. Please just give us our children and our students the money needed to continue as one of the best school systems in the country.

Kindly,
Amanda Goeke
202-870-8356

From: [Amanda Kreis](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:22:13 PM

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Sincerely,

Amanda Kreis

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From: [Amy Leatherman Cowell](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:01:17 PM

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Related Service providers like me are counting on you! We will see you at the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 30.

Sincerely,

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From: [Amy Miser](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely, Amy

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From: [Andrea Molnar](#)
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Sincerely,
Andrea Molnar

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From: [Andres Gordillo](#)
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Sincerely,

An HCPSS employee who moved to Maryland from Florida for this very specific reason.

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From: [Angela Alascia](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Sincerely,

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From: [Benjamin Schmitt](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Bonnie Zeitler](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: Please prioritize schools, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:28:44 PM

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County Councilperson David Yungmann,

Dear Members of the County Council,

I am very concerned. Unless you restore funding now, the Board will be forced to make tough decisions to balance the budget, including increased class sizes, broken contracts for educators, program reductions, and reduced services for students. I'm sure you remember what you heard from stakeholders last year when the string and GT programs were threatened due to insufficient funding.

As an HCPSS educator, I have seen firsthand how budget cuts year after year have squeezed the classroom and made educator workloads impossible. While it is understandable to be concerned about the outlook of the federal budget, it would be a grave mistake to underfund the main resource still attracting families to our county: our PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

This is far more important than building a new performing arts venue. Please fund education!

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Sincerely, Bonnie Zeitler

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From: [Briana Dais](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Carol Eassa](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:21:32 PM

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From: [Carol Shivers](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Carolyn Zerhusen](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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From: [Casey Retterer](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Chelsea Dinh](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,
Chelsea Dinh

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From: [Cheryle Nilles](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,
Cheryle Nilles

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From: [Christine Machado](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Cynthia Hastings](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,
Cyndi Hastings

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From: [Dani Gardner](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: Please fully fund hcpss
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:01:40 PM

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Dear County council-

I am asking as a mother and a teacher to please give more funding to hcpss this year. Classes are already too big and we can't lose any more staff positions in the schools. Students are struggling and need more next year, not less.

Thank you for considering
Dani Gardner

From: [Danielle Callender](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Sincerely,

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From: [Deborah Vo](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Sincerely,
Debbie Vo

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From: [Dr Patricia Cummings](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:21:42 PM

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Sincerely,

Dr Patricia Cummings
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From: [Elena Brewer](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

Elena Brewer

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From: [Elisabeth Holloway](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Elise Allen](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HCPSS Funding
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:02:03 PM

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Dear Members of the County Council,

Times are tough. Prices are increasing. The federal government has increased uncertainty made us all unsure of the future. We are all feeling it. Our HCPSS families and staff need security. But the current County Executive's budget will be devastating to our schools, staff, and families. Funding must be restored now.

I am a former HCPSS teacher and a current Teachers' Secretary, as well as mom to 2 HCPSS graduates and 1 current student. I currently work for full time for a wage that is below the poverty level. But yet I'm not here to ask for a raise (although I should). I am simply asking for you to fund the budget we need to sustain our school system. Notice I did not say to better it or improve it - but simply to sustain it. Schools are why I moved to this county 20 years ago and why I have stayed. A new library in town center is NOT the draw to Howard County. I assure you.

So find the money, fund our schools, provide for our families and give this county the assurance they need that education is still a priority.

Sincerely,
Elise Allen

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From: [Elizabeth Nieves-Soto](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Sincerely,
Elizabeth Nieves

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From: [Elizabeth Vogel Chase](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

Lyz Vogel Chase
Sp. Ed. Resource Teacher

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From: [Emily Benz](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Eric Bricker](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Educators like me -- and the quality educators you are seeking to acquire and retain to keep our educational system a crown jewel for years to come -- are counting on you! We will see you at the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 30.

Sincerely,
Eric Bricker, ELA Educator

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From: Erin Cutts <erin.m.cutts@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 11:53 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony for the County Executive's FY26 Operating Budget

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Dear Howard County Council,

My name is Erin Cutts, and I am a parent from Thunder Hill ES. I am writing to urge full funding for the Howard County Public School System's FY26 budget request. Our schools need these resources to support students, educators, and vital programs.

At Thunder Hill ES, programs like reading support and teaching math at appropriate levels have made a real difference, but we still face challenges such as reading and math scores meeting state and national standards.

The proposed budget prioritizes staff retention, special education, and student safety—areas critical to student success. Without these investments, our students will not receive the education and support they deserve.

I appreciate your leadership and commitment to education. I urge you to fully fund this budget and advocate for the resources necessary to support all HCPSS students.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Erin Cutts

From: [Erin Wuerstlin](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Sincerely,
Erin Wuerstlin

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From: [Eva Schwegler](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Evanna Dahan](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,
Evanna Dahan

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From: [Faith Lewis](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:42:17 PM

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As an HCPSS educator, I have seen firsthand how budget cuts year after year have squeezed the classroom and made educator workloads impossible. We are trying to keep teachers in the classroom and so many are leaving for other professions that value and respect the huge impact they have on educating our students. While it is understandable to be concerned about the outlook of the federal budget, it would be a grave mistake to underfund the main resource still attracting families to our county: public schools.

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Sincerely,
Faith Lewis

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From: [Gillian Engelbrecht](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,
Gillian Engelbrecht
Long Reach High School '14
Lake Elkhorn Middle School Teacher

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From: [Greg Walsh](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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I've been a HCPSS teacher for 18 years. I'm not going to sugarcoat it: the County Executive's budget will be devastating to our schools. Unless you restore funding now, the Board will be forced to make "tough decisions" to balance the budget, including increased class sizes, broken contracts for educators, program reductions, and reduced services for students.

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Sincerely,

Greg Walsh - Teacher for 18 years in HCPSS

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From: [Holly Crawford](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Dear Members of the County Council,

I wish I could take the outrageous taxes I pay in Howard County straight into the school where I work. It would make a huge impact on our school! But instead we again must fight for the basic funding we need to teach our children! Unless you restore funding now, the Board will be forced to make "tough decisions" to balance the budget, including increased class sizes, broken contracts for educators, program reductions, and reduced services for students.

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Sincerely,
Holly Crawford

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From: [Jackie Benz](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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I work in a high needs/Title one school. My students struggle with so much; food, school supplies and attention. As a person, I cannot give enough to my students. I already give supplies and food regularly, but I am also struggling financially. We, as parents and educators cannot afford these cuts. The proposed budget (by HCPSS) needs to be FULLY FUNDED.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Jacqueline Bates](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 10:40:58 PM

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Sincerely,

Jacqueline Bates
20 Year Educator

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From: [Jamie Daniller](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Jamie Lee](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,
Jamie Lee

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From: [Jamie Tettey](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council! Support US!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:25:19 PM

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We are tired and exhausted and need to know we are supported!

Today I was hit and kicked by a student!

Sincerely,
Jamie Tettey
SLP
20 years

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From: [Jenna DeMario](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:41:53 PM

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Dear Members of the County Council,

Please take the time to really understand what our budget the HCPSS BOE would mean for our schools. Personally as a math specialist split between schools we really need the 5 additional math specialists budgeted to have 1 at each middle school, especially with the new changes at the state level to the math curriculum! Math class sizes are already huge in so many schools, we need your support for classes to not be made bigger.

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Sincerely,
Jenna DeMario

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From: [Jennifer Smith](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:53:01 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Jessica Dibenedetto](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:50:56 PM

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Dear Members of the County Council,

As a teacher who works in the district that Dr. Ball's children attended, i am writing to you out of dire concern. I've watched too many of my colleagues, some of the best educators ai ever met, leave this profession in favor of something that would be less stress (constant staffing cuts and increasing class sizes).

Effective teachers are some of the most important factors in a students success.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Jessica Tegges](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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From: [Jhonna Seifert](#)
To: [CouncilMail](#)
Subject: More funding Hcpss
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:26:37 PM

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Sincerely,
Jhonna Seifert

Jhonna Seifert (she/her/hers)
GT Resource Teacher
Atholton Elementary/Clemens Crossing
AES Rainbow Rep

From: [John Criscuoli](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 7:14:06 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [John Miller](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Sincerely,

John Miller
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From: [Julia Strohl](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Sincerely,

Julia Strohl
Band Teacher
Hanover Hills ES & Elkridge ES

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From: [Karissa Bryant](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,
Karissa Strawley Bryant
PLES - band & orchestra teacher

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From: [Katelyn Choi](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 7:30:10 PM

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Sincerely,
Katelyn

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From: [Katie Hodge](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,
Katie Hodge (Teacher, CCES)

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From: [Katie Noecker](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Sincerely,

Katie Noecker
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From: [Kelli Nichols](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 7:07:27 PM

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Sincerely,
Kelli Nichols

Kelli Nichols
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From: [Kerry Plummer](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Kimberly Gregory](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,
Kimberly Gregory

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From: [La Dawn Jackson-Shields](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,
LaDawn Jackson-Shields

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From: [Lacey Weaver](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Leila Gradone](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,
Leila Gradone

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From: [Lisa Cramer](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Maggie Saunders](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Maggie Saunders

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Glen Burnie, Maryland 21113

From: [Marni Rosenbaum](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 7:22:01 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Mary Eklund](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 7:27:04 PM

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County Councilperson David Yungmann,

Dear Members of the County Council,

The time to act is now. Howard County schools once had the reputation of being one of the best in the entire country. That reputation has been tarnished over the past several years because of continued difficulty with funding. With further cuts, our school system will go from a BMW to a Ford Fiesta. You have the power to stop this from happening.

As a Howard County educator, I have seen firsthand how budget cuts year after year have squeezed the entire education system here. While it is understandable to be concerned about the outlook of the federal budget, it would be a grave mistake to underfund the main resource still attracting families to our county: public schools. Thank you for your support.

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Sincerely,
Mary Eklund

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From: [Matthew Deyton](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Matthew Gresick](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Matthew Noon](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 8:05:56 PM

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County Councilperson David Yungmann,

Dear Members of the County Council,

I have spent over twenty years as a teacher with HCPSS, and I am a former HCPSS student. I take great pride in being a part of one of the best public school systems in our country. Until recently, whenever I mentioned Howard County Public Schools, I noticed a tremendous respect and admiration for what has, historically, been one of the strongest school systems anywhere. Repeatedly, I have conversed with parents who have moved to Howard County specifically because of the public schools.

Unfortunately, recent decisions made by our County Council and our County Executive have indicated a glaring disregard for the value that the HCPSS brings to our community. As someone who has invested so much of my life into our school system, and as someone who has seen firsthand how crippling these budgetary decisions have been, it is exceedingly disheartening to see our public school system repeatedly taken for granted by our county's government decision makers.

Whether anyone is willing to acknowledge it or not, our school system's lack of funding has had an immensely negative impact on the educational opportunities provided to our students. This is no longer a secret, and it is so frustrating to see that our county's decision makers continue to neglect one of the single greatest assets our community spent decades building.

Our schools are a huge part of what has made Howard County a desirable destination for families. Please understand that your failure to invest in our schools will impact not only our schools, but also every aspect of our county's unique offerings. Without a world class school system, we will be no different than any other community in our region.

It is truly disappointing that anyone needs a reminder of the value our school system returns to our community. However, it appears a reminder is necessary. I am hopeful that our decision makers understand the dire consequences that will inevitably result if a significant change in funding plans does not come to fruition.

Please do not be part of the reason our schools revert to mediocrity. We are hanging on by a thread, and continued negligence by our elected officials to help remedy the challenges will bring immeasurable consequences.

If you choose to continue to cut school funding, you are choosing to accept mediocrity. If you

choose to cut school funding, you are choosing to crush the single greatest asset our community has.

It's in your hands. No excuses. Fund our schools.

Sincerely,
Matt

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From: [Megan Davis](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Sincerely,

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From: [Megan Scharmann](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,
Megan Scharmann

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From: [Melissa Maheu](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Michaeline Van Reenan](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,
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From: [Monique Cormier](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Morgan Covert](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Sincerely,
Morgan Covert

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From: [Octoria Hughes](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 9:37:20 PM

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Sincerely,
Octoria Hughes

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From: [Patricia Auld](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Sincerely,

Pat Auld

Thunder Hill Elementary School

First Grade Teacher.

Patricia Auld

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From: [Patricia Cummings](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:22:46 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Patricia Walls](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:57:28 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Regina McCloskey](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:29:38 PM

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Sincerely,
Regina McCloskey

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From: [Renisha Andrews](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Sincerely,

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From: [Richard Biniak](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: Restore School Funding Now – An Educator’s Plea
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:45:15 PM

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County Councilperson David Yungmann,

Dear County Council Members,

I’m writing as an HCPSS educator who’s been through the wringer with budget cuts, and I’m not mincing words: the County Executive’s proposed budget is a disaster for our schools. If you don’t restore funding, the Board will be forced into “tough decisions” that hurt everyone—bigger class sizes, broken educator contracts, slashed programs, and fewer services for students.

I’ve been surplused six times in eight years. Six times, I’ve had my career stability yanked out from under me because of these budget games. This isn’t just numbers on a spreadsheet—this is my livelihood, my students’ education, and the future of our community. Year after year, cuts have stretched our classrooms to the breaking point, piled impossible workloads on educators, and chipped away at the quality of education that makes Howard County a place families want to call home.

I get that the federal budget outlook is shaky, but gutting our schools—the heart of what keeps this county thriving—is a reckless mistake. You’re playing with the lives of educators like me and the opportunities of our students. It’s time to get your priorities straight and fully fund our schools.

We’re counting on you to do the right thing. I’ll be at the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 30, and I hope to see you there, ready to listen and act.

Sincerely,
MacGyver Biniak
HCPSS Educator

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From: [Rosheeda Brooks-Samuel](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:30:58 PM

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Sincerely,
Rosheeda Brooks-Samuel

Rosheeda Brooks-Samuel
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From: [Sandra Myers](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:02:02 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Sara Weiser](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need your support!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:32:41 PM

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I am deeply concerned that the County Executive's budget will be devastating to our schools. Unless you restore funding now, the Board will be forced to make "tough decisions" to balance the budget, including increased class sizes, broken contracts for educators, program reductions, and reduced services for students. These are not acceptable cuts - our students deserve to be prioritized.

As an HCPSS educator, I have seen firsthand how budget cuts year after year have squeezed the classroom and made educator workloads impossible. While it is understandable to be concerned about the outlook of the federal budget, it would be a grave mistake to underfund the main resource still attracting families to our county: public schools. Today's well-educated students are tomorrow's well-educated taxpayers and voters. When we shortchange them, we shortchange the future of Howard County.

Educators like me are counting on you! We will see you at the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 30.

Sincerely,

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From: [Shoshana Rose](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:01:13 PM

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Sincerely,
Shoshana Rose

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From: [Tijuana Jordan](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: County Council makes a Difference!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 8:05:48 PM

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County Councilperson David Yungmann,

Dear Members of the County Council,

Image "Howard County Council makes a Difference!" as the next headline in the news and media outlets. I am reminded of the statement, "Many hands make light work." You are the hand that makes the work of those in the school system light.

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Sincerely,
Tijuana Jordan

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From: Tina Barton <miketinabo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 2:15 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony about schools

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Note: I accidentally sent this via our elkridgeheritage@gmail.com email address. I want to reiterate, these opinions are my own and do not reflect the Elkridge Heritage Society. I am sending again under my personal email address.

To The Howard County Council
re Schools

I am part of the history committee for HoCo 250 and on the board of the Elkridge Heritage Society. (Nothing I say here reflects the views of either organization.) I have been studying the history of Elkridge as it relates to our nation's 250th anniversary, and the decades that followed. Elkridge used to be a real town with a real sense of community. I did not have the privilege of living here then so when I came to Elkridge in 1987, it had more of a feeling of suburbia. It was split in half by I-95 for one thing. Development was rapidly increasing, and I got to take advantage of that by moving into a house on Kara's Walk. But we worked, and shopped (other than the IGA) elsewhere until Elkridge Corners came along. Is this what America is all about?

Over time I came to realize that nothing about Elkridge development made sense. It is not walkable, or bike-rideable, and though my children attended St. Augustine School, I recognized that Elkridge residents were very concerned about public school capacity and wanted very much to have their own highschool again. My children went to Howard High outside Elkridge, but not that far. Other children in the community went to Long Reach, also not that far. But while there was lots of open land in Elkridge in the 80s, and even in the 90s, none of it was taken by the county for a highschool. The county did not have the foresight to predict the growth and plan for schools for families in developments that they allowed to be built willy nilly in a disjointed sort of way. They ended up putting an elementary school in Rockburn Park which was a travesty. Later they scrounged up the tiniest school land on Ducketts Lane for another elementary school. Oxford Square, while a charming neighborhood, is in the weirdest place surrounded by highways and business parks, and many of our children are sent to school there, which is now overcrowded.

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Sincerely,

Tina Barton
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From: Elkridge Heritage Society <elkridgeheritage@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 8:26 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony about schools

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To The Howard County Council
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From: [Torie Grant](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:00:08 PM

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County Councilperson David Yungmann,

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These budget cuts year after year make it harder for students to learn and for teachers to do their jobs. Class sizes were increased last year for middle and high school students. Families showed up to protest cuts to GT and music teachers. Enough is enough. While it is understandable to be concerned about the outlook of the federal budget, it would be a grave mistake to underfund the main resource still attracting families to our county: public schools.

Many students are still suffering the long-term negative effects of prolonged virtual learning caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now is NOT the time to cut programs in schools. Fully fund the HCPSS FY26 Operating Budget.

The children of Howard County are counting on you!

Sincerely,
Torie Grant

Torie Grant
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From: [Victoria Gonzales](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:36:27 PM

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Sincerely,
Victoria Gonzales

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From: [Yasemin Gunes](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Yoselin Espinal](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Afshan Hassan](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Alexander Livieratos](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: Please save our schools!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 10:22:55 AM

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Public education in the United States is under attack. We need YOU to step up to help us.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Amber Naden](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: Please help us.
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 8:49:59 AM

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County Councilperson David Yungmann,

Dear Members of the County Council,

7 years ago I transferred from PG county to Howard. My first year was amazing. It was clear that the county council was invested in educators, I felt valued and appreciated, and was so glad I made the switch, even though it meant longer until retirement, and some other scary changes.

Every year since I joined, we've faced crippling cuts. We have had class increases, dwindling supports, and I just don't know how many more cuts we can make! Class sizes are now higher than many counties, including the title 1 school I came from in PG. Teachers are leaving in droves. Workloads have increased. I see this especially in special ed. We are drowning. While it is understandable to be concerned about the outlook of the federal budget, it would be a grave mistake to underfund the main resource still attracting families to our county: public schools.

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Sincerely,

Amber Naden

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From: [Amy Archibald](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 2:20:46 PM

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Sincerely,
Amy Archibald

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From: [Andres Gordillo](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 7:33:28 AM

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Sincerely,

A new HCPSS teacher who moved here from out of that for this very same reason.

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From: [Ashley Warner](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,
Ashley Warner
2nd Grade Teacher
Clemens Crossing Elementary School

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From: [Benjamin Schmitz](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 9:25:18 AM

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County Councilperson David Yungmann,

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Sincerely,
Ben Schmitz

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From: [Breanna Morris](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 1:12:47 PM

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Sincerely,
Breanna Morris

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From: [Bridie Condon](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 9:29:29 AM

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From: [Christina Shumaker](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 7:39:48 AM

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From: [Christine Hughes](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: The parent and educator needs you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 9:44:23 AM

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Dear Members of the County Council,

As an HCPSS educator, I have seen firsthand how budget cuts year after year have squeezed the classroom and made educator workloads impossible. Classes are so big. Teachers like me are being surplussed all over the county. This year, I got sent to a school 45 minutes from my house, on the opposite side of the county. As a parent of four, I am exhausted. It makes me want to leave education for something less demanding. Our county does so many things well, but teachers are overworked, and tired. They don't feel supported by the county. HCPSS has a great reputation, but the cracks are showing. Our taxes have gone up tremendously in the past few years, but I don't understand why more of that increase isn't going to education. It would be a grave mistake to underfund the main resource still attracting families to our county: public schools.

Educators like me are counting on you! We appreciate all that you do for this county, and we look forward to seeing you at the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 30.

Sincerely,
Christine Hughes

Christine Hughes
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From: [Christopher Fenlon](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 9:26:06 AM

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County Councilperson David Yungmann,

Dear Members of the County Council (I kept some of the "stock" email text, but heavily personalized it after that; I truly hope you'll take my thoughts and perspective into account),

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When I got into HCPSS 3 years ago, it was a breath of fresh air in more ways than one. I can't tell you how relieved I was to "escape" from Baltimore County. My mental health was in peril and I needed a BIG change. HCPSS was the BIG change that I needed. I was thinking I was done as a teacher. The workload seemed insurmountable in BCPS. Time management meant nothing and the care I showed for my students no longer seemed to mean anything to my superiors. Becoming a teacher in HCPSS REINVIGORATED my outlook and my career! Even though I have worked at 3 schools in 3 years here, they have been quite possibly the BEST years of my 16 year teaching career!

I finally feel like I have a workload that is manageable, I can have a healthy work-life balance, and be the teacher and champion that my students need me to be for them. My administrators have been the absolute BEST I have ever worked alongside! (Notice I didn't say "work for.")

The realization that some of these things could change significantly if we don't have the funding is not lost on me. I have worked for an inferior education system and I believe I am now working for one of the absolute BEST. I do not wish to return to feeling like I did when I was working for BCPS and I don't wish that on anyone. Please continue to work to secure the necessary funding to keep HCPSS one of the ideal school systems to work for. Our teachers and students are counting on it.

Sincerely,

Chris Fenlon
Special Educator, Long Reach HS

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From: [Christopher McKibben](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 8:30:29 AM

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Dear Members of the County Council,

Please vote to fully fund our schools!!! As an educator and a resident who has a child entering Middle School I know how important our excellent schools are. Losing funding will only erode public education in our county and will in the long run effect future citizens and residents of the county.

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From: [Corinne Edwards](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Sincerely,

Corinne Edwards
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From: [Craig Blum](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 10:20:21 AM

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County Councilperson David Yungmann,

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Sincerely,

Craig Blum

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From: [Daniel Harman](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Sincerely,

Daniel Harman

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From: [Dipti Gondalia](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 10:20:20 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Douglas Deane](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 9:01:04 AM

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From: [Erika Park](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Larger class sizes put more stress on students and teacher alike. Students get less personalized attention, there are more behavior issues that detract from learning time, and teachers burn out.

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Sincerely,
Erika Park

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From: [Gabrielle Hayes](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 10:14:27 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Jennifer Corn](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 8:11:08 AM

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Jen. Corn

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From: [Jennifer Locust-Williams](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 11:13:25 AM

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County Councilperson David Yungmann,

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I'm not going to sugarcoat it: the County Executive's budget will be devastating to our schools. Unless you restore funding now, the Board will be forced to make "tough decisions" to balance the budget, including increased class sizes, broken contracts for educators, program reductions, and reduced services for students. These changes will negatively impact the learning of all children.

As an HCPSS educator, I have seen firsthand how budget cuts year after year have squeezed the classroom and made children suffer from the lack of resources needed for productive education. While it is understandable to be concerned about the outlook of the federal budget, it would be a grave mistake to underfund the main resource still attracting families to our county: public schools. Please consider the impact this budget has on children who need to learn in a safe environment.

Educators like me are counting on you! We will see you at the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 30.

Sincerely,

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From: Jessica Bronson <jessica.r.bronson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 6:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: HCPSS budget cuts

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

As a resident, taxpayer, parent, and educator in Howard County, I am extremely concerned by the \$70 million budget shortfall for our schools.

Like many residents here, our family chose to relocate to Howard county specifically for the excellent school system. We chose to pay more to purchase our home and to pay higher taxes compared to surrounding counties knowing that the investment we were making would be rewarded by the educational opportunities for our child. As a tax payer, I want to see my money going to our schools. As a property owner, I want to protect my investment. When oyr schools decline, so do our property values.

I also chose to be an employee of our school system despite the fact that I can earn more money working elsewhere. I used to be employed as a teacher in DC, but considered the pay cut of coming to Howard county to be worth it. I love living and working here. I am proud to be both a parent and an employee of HCPSS. Please protect our schools and our children by fully funding the budget.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jessica Bronson

From: [Jessica Stockham](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 9:05:07 AM

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County Councilperson David Yungmann,

Dear Members of the County Council,

I'm not going to sugarcoat it: the County Executive's budget will be devastating to our schools. Unless you restore funding now, the Board will be forced to make "tough decisions" to balance the budget, including increased class sizes, broken contracts for personnel, program reductions, and reduced services for students.

As an HCPSS paraeducator, I have seen firsthand how budget cuts year after year have squeezed the classroom and made workloads impossible. While it is understandable to be concerned about the outlook of the federal budget, it would be a grave mistake to underfund the main resource still attracting families to our county: public schools.

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Sincerely,
Jessica Stockham
CHS Science Paraeducator

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From: [Joanne Topping](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: Students and Teachers Need You!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 8:22:10 AM

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As an HCPSS educator, I have seen firsthand how budget cuts year after year have squeezed the classroom and made educator workloads impossible. While it is understandable to be concerned about the outlook of the federal budget, it would be a grave mistake to underfund the main resource still attracting families to our county: public schools. (I know, I was one of those people who moved to the county because I wanted my kids in great schools, even though I could have bought a much larger/nicer house in a nearby county for the same price.)

Educators like me are counting on you! We will see you at the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 30.

Sincerely,
Joanne Topping

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From: [Katarzyna Brodka](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 12:14:23 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Katherine Nelson](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 11:43:39 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Kathleen Ende](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 8:39:57 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Kathleen Wurstner](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 12:43:28 PM

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As an HCPSS ESP, I have seen firsthand how budget cuts year after year have squeezed the classroom and made educator workloads impossible. While it is understandable to be concerned about the outlook of the federal budget, it would be a grave mistake to underfund the main resource still attracting families to our county: public schools.

ESP like me are counting on you! We will see you at the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 30.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Wurstner CNA / HA

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From: [Kristin Meadows](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 8:35:12 AM

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Sincerely,

Kristin Meadows M.S. CCC-SLP

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From: [Laura Swann](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HELP!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 12:25:16 PM

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County Councilperson David Yungmann,

Dear Members of the County Council,

HELP! I need somebody. HELP, not just anybody. HELP! You know I need someone. HELP! These are not just words from a Beatles song, they are a direct rallying cry that everyone in education is calling for. You are asking us to create Michaelangelo-masterpieces with Rose Art crayons. You are demanding more and more from us each year, and giving us less to do it with. We can't get blood from a stone. There aren't any young adults going to college to be a teacher anymore because they know how exhausting and demanding it has become. There's nobody to fill our places or positions, and this is THE most critical job. Everyone who becomes a productive member of our society needs to go through the school system. The students cannot read and write. They can't do basic math facts. Their executive functioning skills and critical thinking are near non-existent. These are the people who will be running our society in 20 years.

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Sincerely,
Laura Swann

Laura Swann
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From: [Lori Custer](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 1:43:48 PM

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As an HCPSS educator, I have seen firsthand how budget cuts year after year have squeezed the classroom and made educator workloads impossible. Our classroom sizes are already too large and schools are understaffed, especially in special education, where at times challenging student behaviors require the support of more than one staff member to keep the student, other students, and staff safe. While it is understandable to be concerned about the outlook of the federal budget, it would be a grave mistake to underfund the main resource still attracting families to our county: public schools.

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Sincerely,
Lori Custer

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From: [Marsha Pickett](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 1:09:59 PM

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Sincerely,
Marsha Pickett
2nd grade teacher at BPES

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From: [Megan Middlebrook](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 7:37:44 AM

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Sincerely,
Megan Middlebrook

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From: [Melissa Barbieri](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 7:46:03 AM

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Sincerely,

Melissa Barbieri

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From: [Nancy Barnes](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
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Educators like me are counting on you! We will see you at the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 30.

Sincerely,

Nancy Barnes

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From: [Nancy Duke](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 7:48:01 PM

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Sincerely,
Nancy Duke
Teacher & HCPSS parent

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From: [Peter Roeser](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 8:49:45 AM

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Sincerely,

Peter Roeser
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From: [Rachael Schultz](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: If you care about education at all...
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 11:20:49 AM

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Sincerely,
Rachael H. Schultz
River Hill High School

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From: [Russell Waldron](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: HoCo Schools need you, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 9:11:00 AM

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I am an Educator/Assessor for the Childfind program, my wife is a Resource teacher for the RECC programs, and my daughter is a Kindergarten teacher in the county as well. We all are committed to giving the best education we can to these children. Please don't fail them!

Educators like me are counting on you! We will see you at the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 30.

Sincerely, Russell Waldron, Special Education Teacher

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From: [Samantha Rangos](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Sarah Castrillon](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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As an HCPSS educator, I have seen firsthand how budget cuts year after year have squeezed the classroom and made educator workloads impossible, an unhealthy situation for both teachers and students. While it is understandable to be concerned about the outlook of the federal budget, it would be a grave mistake to underfund the main resource still attracting families to our county: public schools.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Stephanie Sandlin](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Teresa Tyrrell](#)
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As a central office employee, I have seen firsthand how budget cuts year after year have squeezed staff and made workloads impossible. Staff in central office and our administrative partners in the schools are experiencing increased stress and feeling bad that they can't get everything done in a reasonable time. Certain tasks need longer turn-around time, are done hastily with mistakes (which end up needing more time to be fixed), or are skipped entirely with detrimental results. Projects and goals take longer to achieve with less staff, even when staff are working extra unpaid hours in evenings and on weekends. Some staff have left our system this year because the budget cycle was so rough last year. While it is understandable to be concerned about the outlook of the federal budget, it would be a grave mistake to underfund the main resource still attracting families to our county: public schools.

Educators and support staff like me are counting on you! We will see you at the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 30.

Sincerely,
Tess Tyrrell

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From: [Tiffani Peguese](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Tim Reinhardt](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,
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From: [Timothy Lane](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Tina Monroe](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Sincerely, Tina Monroe

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From: [Toni Ireland](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
Subject: Fully fund our HoCo Schools, County Council!
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 7:48:24 AM

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County Councilperson David Yungmann,

Dear Members:

The County Executive's proposed budget for Howard County Public Schools will be devastating. Unless you restore funding now, the Board will be forced to make even more cuts to an already inadequate budget, including increased class sizes, broken contracts for educators, program reductions, and reduced services for students. Many teachers have been teetering on the edge of leaving education for greener pastures due to the workload and stress caused by too many years of bare bones funding, and making cuts AGAIN will drive them out for certain.

As a long time HCPSS educator, I have seen a time when we didn't have to beg for money every year, and, for far too long now, I've also seen firsthand how budget cuts year after year have squeezed the classroom and made educator workloads impossible. While it is understandable to be concerned about the outlook of the federal budget, there is NOTHING that should come before funding our public schools, which are the main resource still attracting families to our county. Already, our schools are seen as inferior compared to their former glory, and more cuts will further tarnish what was once a school system and a county to be proud of.

We are counting on you to prioritize our schools and fund them appropriately. You have some ground to make up from many previous years of an inadequate budget; please stop making exhaustive, weak excuses and change that this year! We will see you at the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 30.

Sincerely,

Toni Ireland Lubbehusen, Howard County teacher and parent

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From: [Tracy Stansbury](#)
To: [Yungmann, David](#)
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Please be the role-model County Council that demonstrates it's unwavering support to our students and our country's future by funding education! We can not continue in this very broken system without adequate funding. Our students need the same opportunities that you and I had when we were in school. As an educator, I can not be effective if class sizes are bigger. Show your constituents that here in Howard County, we are still progressive and we value democracy because we believe in an educated population because you will fully fund the education budget.

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