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The Honorable Aisha Braveboy
County Executive, Prince George's County

The Honorable Edward Burroughs III Chair, Prince George's County Council County Administration Building, Room 207 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

RE: FY 2026 Board of Education Approved Operating Budget Transmittal

Dear County Executive Braveboy and County Council Chair Burroughs:

Pursuant to the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Board of Education herewith submits its FY 2026 Approved Annual Operating Budget.

On June 26, 2025, the Board of Education adopted this balanced budget for both revenue and expenditures totaling \$2,960,705,651 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. The overall goal of the FY 2026 Operating Budget is to continue to support critical school-based initiatives through equity and innovation while maintaining fiscal responsibility under the Blueprint for Maryland's Future legislation. Note that the original transmittal on July 1, 2025 to the County Administration and County Council was withdrawn at the request of County Council staff to better align with the County Council meeting schedule.

Following the final FY 2026 reconciliation, the categorical totals adopted by the Board of Education differ from those adopted by the County Council. The County Council Approved Budget is based on the Superintendent's Proposed Budget along with estimated changes from the subsequent release of the Governor's Budget. The Office of Management and Budget loads all those changes into Fixed Charges functional category, with the expectation that the changes will be applied to the correct functional category in the Board's approved budget. The differences between the Board's proposed budget and approved budget are primarily due to an increase in federal and state grant awards, to include anticipated carryover funds, increase in anticipated negotiated salaries, and the early payoff of lease purchase agreement and Other Post-Employment Benefits. The Board of Education resolution adopting the FY 2026 Operating Budget is attached for your reference.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Prince George's County Board of Education will advance the achievement of its diverse student body through community engagement, sound policy governance, accountability, and fiscal responsibility.

	FY 2026		FY 2026		Required	
Revenues by Category	Αp	Board of Education Approved Budget		ounty Council proved Budget	Reconciling Adjustments	
Fund Balance	\$	95,000,000	\$	95,000,000	-	
Federal Sources	\$	137,579,433		141,753,200	(4,173,767)	
State Sources	\$	1,726,960,727		1,712,716,700	14,244,027	
Board Sources	\$	31,575,391		31,575,400	(9)	
County Sources	\$	969,590,100		969,590,100	-	
Total Revenue by Category:	\$	2,960,705,651	\$	2,950,635,400	\$ 10,070,251	

Expenditures by Category	FY 2026 Board of Education Proposed Budget	FY 2026 Board of Education Requested Budget	FY 2026 Board of Education Approved Budget	FY 2026 County Council Approved Budget	Council vs Board Approved	% Change
Administration	104,185,429	104,185,429	\$ 104,559,702	\$ 104,185,400	\$ 374,302	0.4%
Mid-Level Administration	196,294,847	196,294,847	199,067,814	196,294,800	2,773,014	1.4%
Instructional Salaries	972,729,968	985,298,090	994,116,265	972,730,000	21,386,265	2.2%
Textbooks & Instructional Materials	44,895,280	55,009,318	52,704,964	44,895,300	7,809,664	17.4%
Other Instructional Costs	178,426,758	182,250,384	165,992,352	178,426,800	(12,434,448)	-7.0%
Special Education	362,594,468	367,926,631	374,731,540	362,594,500	12,137,040	3.3%
Student Personnel Services	72,945,809	74,852,858	78,030,250	72,945,800	5,084,450	7.0%
Student Health Services	40,078,710	42,673,810	49,236,050	40,078,700	9,157,350	22.8%
Student Transportation Services	131,592,921	131,592,921	141,516,735	131,592,900	9,923,835	7.5%
Operation of Plant	163,671,670	165,347,017	162,417,903	163,671,700	(1,253,797)	-0.8%
Maintenance of Plant	72,870,778	72,870,778	69,871,167	72,870,800	(2,999,633)	-4.1%
Fixed Charges	563,041,790	565,446,724	534,418,447	575,280,800	(40,862,353)	-7.1%
Food Services	3,018,761	3,018,761	835,524	3,018,800	(2,183,276)	-72.3%
Community Services	4,549,131	4,549,131	6,206,938	4,549,100	1,657,838	36.4%
Capital Outlay	27,500,000	27,500,000	27,000,000	27,500,000	(500,000)	-1.8%
Total Expenditures by Category:	2,938,396,320	2,978,816,699	\$ 2,960,705,651	\$ 2,950,635,400	\$ 10,070,251	0.3%

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Thank you to the County Council and the County Administration for your continued support throughout this annual budget process.

Sincerely,

Mr. Branndon D. Jackson Chair, Board of Education

Dr. Shawn Joseph

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Attachments

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