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March 6, 2023

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Team recommends amounts that county can borrow to pay for capital projects such as school construction

Report was due to executive on March 1

Typically asks for major cuts to school funding each year.



In conclusion, the Committee recommends the following:

****The County's operating spending be limited to no more than a 5.6% increase for fiscal year 2024, recognizing that this is above historical levels because of inflation and one-time federal spending;***

****The County's bond authorization issuance should not exceed \$60 million for fiscal year 2024; and***

- The County should commission a long-term spending review which considers both school and general services spending limits based on projected resources as community buildout approaches, in line with the HoCo By Design model.***

HCPSS Budget

<https://www.hcpss.org/about-us/budgets/fy24/>

The Board of Education adopted its requested budget on Feb. 16, 2023, which will be submitted to the Howard County Executive for his consideration.

A Message from the Superintendent

The proposed FY2024 Operating Budget totals \$1,140,934,509, representing a 10.5 percent increase over the FY 2023 operating budget. Funding for compensation increases accounts for approximately 44 percent of the growth. The remaining growth is driven by the Blueprint for Maryland's future legislation and other mandates, the opening of High School #13, staffing for special education and funding for staff and resources critical to our school system's operations. Major budget priorities fall into six focus areas and additional details are provided in Section B-11 of the budget document, Factors Influencing the Budget:

- Employee Compensation
- Strategically Investing in Student Achievement
- Crucial Needs for School System Management and Operations
- Financial Obligations and Commitments
- Opening High School #13
- Enrollment Commitments

The FY 2024 budget adds 326.6 new positions (General Fund and Technology Services Fund), an increase of about 3.5 percent from the current budget. Over 90 percent of the new positions will support student achievement, opening High School #13, and enrollment changes. Major highlights include:

Investment in Staff

- \$47,923,645 for employee compensation increases to retain, recruit and grow highly skilled and experienced staff and meet the Blueprint for Maryland's Future requirements
- \$1.5 million in substitute wage increase
- \$524,991 to provide Chromebooks for Paraeducators

Special Education

The budget builds on our commitment to funding our special education services and supports. Since 2019, we have added 494.2 positions to support increased needs in special education:

- \$11.98 million and 105.6 new positions

Student Transportation and Start Time Adjustments

The Office of Student Transportation requires staffing and resources to account for the ongoing driver shortage and anticipated adjustments to school start times, which will not be possible without completely filling all projected transportation routes:

- \$7,332,430 million for anticipated contractual costs changes for student transportation, including \$250,000 for implementation of a new rider management system
- 3.0 positions needed to implement school start time changes

Pre-K and Early Childhood Education Services

- \$3,237,177 and 59.1 positions for the expansion of Pre-K and Early Childhood Education Services.

High School #13 Opening and Operations

- \$2,154,386 which includes 42.6 positions:
 - 5.5 positions for school administration

The \$109,000,000 Questions

**What will be funded in the Executive budget In APRIL?
What will be restored by the County Council In MAY?**

Factors Influencing the Budget

General Fund Revenues	Approved FY 2023	Superintendent Proposed FY 2024	Year over Year \$ Change	Year over Year % Change
County Revenue	\$ 675,576,796	\$ 785,158,365	\$ 109,581,569	16.2%
State Revenue	321,081,146	348,356,501	27,275,355	8.5%
Other Revenue	6,891,065	7,419,643	528,578	7.7%
Use of Fund Balance	28,899,608		(28,899,608)	(100.0)%
	\$ 1,032,448,615	\$ 1,140,934,509	\$ 108,485,894	10.5%

State and county funding make up 99 percent of HCPSS funding. Funding formulas established in state law prescribe the required amount of funding from the state and the county. There are changes in the revenue amounts that are being caused by technical details in the funding formulas. Background information is provided below to help understand these changes.

In Maryland, public education is funded through the State School Fund based on major aid programs. For each major aid program there is a required state share and required local share, which establish the minimum amount of school funding. The amount of state and county funding for each major aid program is funded based on specific per pupil funding formulas multiplied by applicable student enrollment. Unless otherwise defined in law, student enrollment is measured two ways: the first measurement is the actual enrollment as of September 30 of the current school year, and the second measurement is the 3-year average enrollment. The greater of the two measurements is multiplied by the prescribed funding amount per pupil. The result establishes the required minimum level of funding by the state and the county. The required level of funding per pupil must be maintained year over year. In other words, the amount of funding per student cannot decline year over year in Maryland. This is referred to as Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding.

The minimum level of funding for each of the major aid programs is split between the state and the local government based on relative wealth and other factors. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) calculates the required state share and required local share. The required state share becomes the revenues received from the state. The required local share is what the county must fund. However, a county can fund more than its required local share. When a county funds greater than the local share, this increased amount of funding becomes the base that must be maintained each year. This is referred to as the required Maintenance of Effort that the county must fund. In addition to the required MOE, the school system can request the county to fund an amount above MOE. The required MOE and the above MOE amounts make up the recurring funding that the county provides. One year's recurring funding becomes the basis for calculating the next year's MOE. In addition, the school system can request non-recurring funding for qualifying one-time expenses. Non-recurring funding does not affect the subsequent year's MOE.

Consistent with the high value placed on public education in Howard County, the county funding provided each year exceeds the required local share. To illustrate, in the FY 2023 Approved Budget, the required local share of funding was \$359.6 million. The approved recurring county funding was \$675.3 million—188 percent greater, nearly two times the required local funding. Therefore, in Howard County, the county level of funding is determined based on the Required Maintenance of Effort calculation.

Blueprint Phase 2

<https://marylandpublicschools.org/Documents/reports/StrategicPlan-Phase2.pdf>

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the State Board of Education (SBOE) published [Phase 2](#) of its Strategic Plan to implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future ("The Blueprint"). [Phase 1](#) of the Plan was unveiled in October 2022. The introduction of the [Phase 1 plan](#) described the process and goals of the Strategic Plan:



BLUEPRINT
for Maryland's
FUTURE

STATE Legislation

HB0598

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2023RS/bills/hb/hb0598F.pdf>

Education - Funding for General Education Programs - Definition Alterations Sponsored by Delegates Wu, D. Barnes, Boaf, Grossman, Hill, Kelly, Mireku-North, Pasteur, Qi, Stewart, Terrasa, and Ziegler Status In the House - First Reading Appropriations

Altering certain definitions relating to enrollment that are used for the calculation of funding for general education programs.

“AVERAGE ENROLLMENT CHANGE” MEANS THE RESULT OF THE FOLLOWING CALCULATION:

(1) THE PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT MINUS THE THIRD PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT; DIVIDED BY

(2) TWO.

[(e)] (F) “Enrollment count” means [the greater of:

(1) The full-time equivalent enrollment; or

(2) The 3-year moving average enrollment]

THE SUM OF THE PRIOR

SCHOOL YEAR FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT AND THE AVERAGE ENROLLMENT CHANGE.

Bill Number	Cross File	Title	Primary Sponsor(s)
HB0598		Education - Funding for General Education Programs - Definition Alterations	Delegate Wu

Bill text can be found under link above

MGA Summary: Altering certain definitions relating to enrollment that are used for the calculation of funding for general education programs.

HCPSS Analysis: HB0598 alters the “enrollment count” calculation under Education Article §5-201 which is the foundation for school funding on a per pupil basis. Specifically, it deletes the current provision defining “enrollment count” as the greater of the full-time equivalent enrollment (enrollment as of September 30 of the prior year) or the three-year moving average enrollment (average of the three prior years enrollment as of September 30). New language creates an average enrollment change calculation which takes the prior school year full-time equivalent enrollment minus the difference over the prior three years divided by two, and then adds that to the prior year full-time equivalent enrollment.

The proposed calculation is presumably intended to take into account past trends in school enrollment to inform future enrollment counts given the traditional prior year enrollment lags current year actual counts. For illustrative purposes, if applying scenarios for SY2024 in which enrollment is trending up vs. enrollment is trending down to the three calculations for enrollment count (see also Attachment B from Delegate Wu’s office):

Scenario 1 Current Law- Enrollment Growing		
If SY2023 September 30 Full-time Equivalent Enrollment =	1,210	
If SY2022 September 30 Full-time Equivalent Enrollment =	1,100	
If SY2021 September 30 Full-time Equivalent Enrollment =	1,000	
Prior Year Actual=	1,210	
Three Year average=	1,103	
Funding Based on Greater of =	1,210	
Scenario 1 Proposed Law- Enrollment Growing		
If SY2023 September 30 Full-time Equivalent Enrollment =	1,210	
If SY2022 September 30 Full-time Equivalent Enrollment =	1,100	
If SY2021 September 30 Full-time Equivalent Enrollment =	1,000	
Prior Year Actual=	1,210	
Difference between SY23-SY21 divided by 2	105	
Basis for Funding=	1,315	
Scenario 1 Current Law- Enrollment Declining		
If SY2023 September 30 Full-time Equivalent Enrollment =	1,000	
If SY2022 September 30 Full-time Equivalent Enrollment =	1,100	
If SY2021 September 30 Full-time Equivalent Enrollment =	1,210	
Prior Year Actual=	1,000	
Three Year average=	1,103	
Funding Based on Greater of =	1,000	
Scenario 1 Proposed Law- Enrollment Declining		
If SY2023 September 30 Full-time Equivalent Enrollment =	1,000	
If SY2022 September 30 Full-time Equivalent Enrollment =	1,100	
If SY2021 September 30 Full-time Equivalent Enrollment =	1,210	
Prior Year Actual=	1,000	
Difference between SY23-SY21 divided by 2	(105)	
Basis for Funding=	895	

While the new calculation could result in a higher enrollment count when the enrollment is growing compared to the enrollment as of September 30 of the prior year, this also means the new calculation could result in lower enrollment counts when populations drop over three years. Because school systems can currently use the greater of full-time equivalent enrollment or the three-year moving average to lessen the burden of swings in enrollment, staff recommends this option remain in statute. Additionally, where the new average enrollment change included in HB0598 has the potential to increase counts when enrollment is trending up, staff recommends an amendment that would add this as one of the “greater of” options available to schools.

Thus, lines 2 through 6 on page 3 would read:

[(e)] (F) “Enrollment count” means the greater of:
 (1) The full-time equivalent enrollment;
 (2) The 3-year moving average enrollment; or
 (3) THE SUM OF THE PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT AND THE AVERAGE ENROLLMENT CHANGE.

STATE Legislation

Viewpoint – Source - Maryland Interagency on School Construction

<https://iac.mdschoolconstruction.org/?p=7812>



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Bill Number	Title	Sponsor	Cross File Bill	Synopsis	Status
HB0112	State Personnel - Whistleblower Law - Procedures and Remedies (First Amendment and Public Employee Protection Act)	Delegate Bagrall		Altering the prohibition on reprisal against certain employees for certain disclosures and actions under the Maryland Whistleblower Law in the Executive Branch of State government; and altering certain procedures and remedies relating to whistleblower complaints.	Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0200	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2024)	Speaker	SB0181	Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution, etc.	First Reading Appropriations
HB0201	Creation of a State Debt -- Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2023, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022	Speaker	SB0182	Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,206,639,000, the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes; etc.	First Reading Appropriations
HB0300	School Buildings - Solar Technology - Solar Panels on Schools	Delegate Bhandari	SB0235	Requiring local school systems, from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2024, to consider whether to construct schools with solar panels on the roofs of the schools; and requiring local school systems to provide to the Interagency Commission on School Construction an explanation for a decision not to include solar panels as part of the construction of a school.	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0313	Education - Public School Stadium Grant Program - Established	Delegate Washington	SB0818	Establishing the Public School Stadium Grant Program; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to implement and administer the Program; requiring the Governor to include in the annual operating or capital budget bill an appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the Program; and specifying that State funding provided under the Program is supplemental to public school construction funding from other sources.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0366	Maryland School for the Blind - Public School Construction Program - Eligibility	Delegate Smith	SB0175	Repealing the termination date on the eligibility of the Maryland School for the Blind for funding under the Public School Construction Program.	Second Reading Passed
HB0388	Interagency Commission on School Construction -- Systemic Renovation Projects -- Eligibility	Delegate Watson	SB0109	Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to consider systemic renovation projects with a construction cost of at least \$100,000 as eligible for funding from the Supplemental Public School Construction Financing Fund and the Supplemental Public School Construction Facilities Fund in fiscal years 2024 through 2026.	Unfavorable Report by Appropriations; Withdrawn
HB0458	Public School Construction -- Grant Programs, Approvals, and Administration -- Alterations	Delegate Lewis, J.	SB0360	Repealing the School Safety Grant Program and the Aging Schools Program as of June 30, 2026; altering provisions relating to school construction approvals by the State Superintendent of Schools; establishing the Interagency Commission on School Construction as an independent unit of State government, providing a removal process for members of the Interagency Commission; repealing the requirement for the Board of Public Works to approve grants awarded under a certain capital grant program; etc.	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0619	General Assembly - Legislation - Housing Impact Analysis	Delegate Schmidt		Requiring certain Executive Branch agencies to prepare a housing impact analysis rating and a housing impact analysis concerning the effect of certain proposed legislation on the cost and availability of housing under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor's office to submit a copy of the housing impact analysis rating and the housing impact analysis to the Department of Legislative Services and a certain committee within a reasonable time prior to the hearing on the bill, etc.	Hearing 3/03 at 12:00 p.m.
HB0635	Water Pollution Control - Discharges From Construction Sites - Limits on Liability	Delegate Wivell	SB0936	Limiting the liability of a certain person for certain discharges from a construction site; and providing that the civil or administrative penalty for discharge from a construction site may not exceed \$5,000 for each violation or \$25,000 total.	Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0646	State Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises and Small Business Enterprises - Procurement Forecast, Employee Performance, and Outreach (Small Business Protection Act of Maryland)	Delegate Charles	SB0578	Requiring each unit to publish on the unit's website annually a certain procurement forecast listing certain known and anticipated procurements to be made by the unit in the upcoming fiscal year; requiring a unit determining eligibility for a merit increase or promotion for a procurement officer or other employee to consider certain efforts by the procurement officer or other employee responsible for procuring goods and services for the unit in meeting the unit's minority enterprise participation goals; etc.	Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)
HB0719	Public Schools - Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning Systems and Carbon Dioxide Monitors - Monitoring and Reporting Requirements	Delegate Bagrall	SB0835	Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction, on or before July 1, 2025, to complete an initial statewide heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems assessment of all public school facilities in the State using certain assessment requirements; requiring the Commission to develop certain heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning standards and incorporate the standards into certain educational facilities sufficiency standards; etc.	Hearing 3/16 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0798	Baltimore City - Public School Facility - Modifying, Use, and Closing	Delegate Rosenberg	SB0849	Requiring that, after the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners takes final action concerning the continued use of a public school facility for specified purposes, the Baltimore City Department of Planning shall appoint a certain community task force to review and make recommendations concerning the future use of the public school facility; authorizing the board to use a school building as a swing school for a period not exceeding 4 years; etc.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.
HB0900	Occupational Safety and Health - Public Buildings - Indoor Air Quality	Delegate Kerr	SB0355	Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, in consultation with the Secretary of the Environment, the Secretary of Health, and the Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, to adopt a comprehensive indoor air quality standard for public buildings on or before October 31, 2025, requiring the Commissioner to establish a technical advisory committee to make certain recommendations regarding the development of the comprehensive indoor air quality standard; etc.	Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m. (Environment and Transportation)
HB1134	Maryland Building Performance Standards -- Fossil Fuel Use and Electric-Ready Standards	Delegate Acevero		Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt, on or before January 1, 2024, and as part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards, a requirement that new buildings meet all energy demands of the building without the use of fossil fuels and an electric-ready standard for certain buildings.	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m. (Environment and Transportation)

STATE Legislation

Viewpoint – Source - Maryland Interagency on School Construction



Bill Number	Title	Sponsor	Cross File Bill	Synopsis	Status
HB1201	Public-Private Partnerships	Delegate Solomon		Establishing the Public-Private Partnership Oversight Review Board to review public-private partnership presolicitation reports and make certain recommendations; requiring a certain reporting agency to include in presolicitation reports for public-private partnerships with a total value that exceeds \$500,000,000 presolicitation reports of certain contracts; requiring a reporting agency to submit a separate presolicitation report for each phase of a project that will develop in phases; etc.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (Environment and Transportation)
HB1209	Environment – Flood Control – Flood Risk Assessment and Model Ordinance (Climate Ready Floodplain Act of 2023)	Delegate Lehman		Requiring the Department of the Environment to publish a statewide flood risk assessment map projected to the year 2050, educate the public on certain information, and establish a certain model floodplain ordinance by July 1, 2024; requiring certain units of local government to submit to the Department for review a proposed floodplain ordinance by July 1, 2025, and requiring the Department to approve a proposed ordinance or provide notice of certain revisions to the ordinance on or before September 1, 2025.	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0092	Department of General Services – Energy-Conserving Standards (Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2023)	Senator Lam	HB0006	Requiring the Department of General Services to establish and update standards for State buildings to conserve energy and minimize adverse impacts on birds; requiring the Maryland Green Building Council to include the standards in any requirements established for participation in a higher-performance building program in the State; and defining 'State building' as one acquired, constructed, or renovated by the State or one for which 50% of the money for acquisition, construction, or renovation came from State funds.	Hearing 2/02 at 2:00 p.m.
SB0095	Counties - Construction of Sidewalks and Crosswalks - Safe Alternative Routes to Public Schools	Senator Ellis		Requiring a county board of education each year to prepare and post in a certain manner a certain report that identifies pathways that certain public school students may use to travel to school using only safe alternative routes under certain circumstances.	Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0109	Interagency Commission on School Construction - Systemic Renovation Projects - Eligibility	Senator Hester	HB0383	Requiring the interagency Commission on School Construction to consider systemic renovation projects with a construction cost of at least \$100,000 as eligible for funding from the Supplemental Public School Construction Financing Fund and the Supplemental Public School Construction Facilities Fund in fiscal years 2024 through 2026.	Unfavorable Report by Budget and Taxation; Withdrawn
SB0175	Maryland School for the Blind - Public School Construction Program - Eligibility	Senator Guzzone	HB0366	Repealing the termination date on the eligibility of the Maryland School for the Blind for funding under the Public School Construction Program.	First Reading Appropriations
SB0235	School Buildings - Solar and Geothermal Technology	Senator West	HB0300	Requiring a county board of education, during the design development phase of the construction or major renovation of a school building, to evaluate the use of solar panels on the roof of the school and geothermal heating and cooling systems; and prohibiting the Interagency Commission on School Construction from delaying the approval of the construction or major renovation of a school building if a county board's evaluation and report have not been submitted in a timely manner.	First Reading Appropriations
SB0355	Occupational Safety and Health - Public Buildings - Indoor Air Quality	Senator Beidle	HB0900	Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, in consultation with the Secretary of the Environment, the Secretary of Health, and the Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, to adopt a comprehensive indoor air quality standard for public buildings on or before October 31, 2025; requiring the Commissioner to establish a technical advisory committee to make certain recommendations regarding the development of the comprehensive indoor air quality standard; etc.	Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0360	Public School Construction - Grant Programs, Approvals, and Administration - Alterations	Senator Guzzone	HB0458	Repealing the School Safety Grant Program and the Aging Schools Program as of June 30, 2026; altering provisions relating to school construction approvals by the State Superintendent of Schools; establishing the Interagency Commission on School Construction as an independent unit of State government; providing a removal process for members of the Interagency Commission; repealing the requirement for the Board of Public Works to approve grants awarded under a certain capital grant program; etc.	Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0467	Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public-Private Partnerships for Calvert County Public Schools	Calvert County Senators		Establishing a Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public-Private Partnerships for Calvert County Public Schools; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Calvert County Commissioners, the Calvert County Board of Education, the Interagency Commission on School Board Construction, the Calvert County Delegation, and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2023.	Favorable Report by Budget and Taxation
SB0578	State Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises and Small Business Enterprises - Procurement Forecast, Employee Performance, and Outreach (Small Business Protection Act of Maryland)	Senator Hayes	HB0646	Requiring each unit to publish on the unit's website annually a certain procurement forecast listing certain known and anticipated procurements to be made by the unit in the upcoming fiscal year; requiring a unit determining eligibility for a merit increase or promotion for a procurement officer or other employee to consider certain efforts by the procurement officer or other employee responsible for procuring goods and services for the unit in meeting the unit's minority enterprise participation goals; etc.	Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0646	School Construction - Public Charter School Facility Fund - Establishment	Senator McCray		Establishing the Public Charter School Facility Fund to provide funding on an annual basis to public charter schools in the State for eligible expenses associated with school facilities; exempting the Fund from a requirement that interest earnings on State money accrue to the General Fund of the State; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to administer the Fund; and requiring the Fund to be used only to acquire, plan, develop, finance, construct, lease, improve, repair, and maintain public charter school facilities.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0743	Climate, Labor, and Environmental Equity Act of 2023	Senator Jackson	HB0840	Requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a certain evaluation regarding the impact of issuing an approval for certain environmental permits; requiring the Department to provide opportunities for certain communication with certain residents in a certain manner; and altering certain reporting requirements for certain State agencies.	Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.

STATE Legislation

Viewpoint – Source - Maryland Interagency on School Construction

Bill Number	Title	Sponsor	Cross File Bill	Synopsis	Status
SB0935	Public Schools – Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning Systems and Carbon Dioxide Monitors – Monitoring and Reporting Requirements	Senator Brooks	HB0719	Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction, on or before July 1, 2025, to complete an initial statewide heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems assessment of all public school facilities in the State using certain assessment requirements; requiring the Commission to develop certain heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning standards and incorporate the standards into certain educational facilities sufficiency standards; etc.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0849	Baltimore City - Modifying or Closing Public School Facility - Review by Community Task Force	Senator Carter	HB0798	Requiring that, before the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners takes final action concerning the continued use of a public school facility for certain purposes, the president of the local community association of the community where the public school facility is located shall appoint a certain community task force to review and make recommendations concerning the future use of the public school facility; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act.	Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.
SB0938	Primary and Secondary Education – School Safety and Student Well-Being – Examination of Policies	Senator Hester		Altering the amount and uses of annual funding relating to school safety to include the development of services to resolve student disputes through mediation and repealing the requirement that a certain appropriation be used for a certain purpose; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$20,000,000 to the Safe Schools Fund to provide grants to local school systems to enhance school safety; requiring the Department of Education to analyze and report on state and local policies; etc.	First Reading Senate Rules



STATE Legislation

Viewpoint – Source – HCPSS

<https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ABKNSY6159A6>

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE January 18, 2023

The Board of Education's Legislative Committee held a virtual committee meeting on Wednesday January 18, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. The following were present:

Committee Members:

Yun Lu, Ph.D., Chair
Jennifer Swickard Mallo
Antonia Watts

Board Staff:

Donna Forton, Executive Assistant

School System Staff:

Danielle Lueking, Legislative and Legal Affairs Officer
Anna Rungfarsangaroon, Assistant General Counsel
Dr. Caroline Walker, Executive Director of Program Innovation and Student Well-Being (joined at 9:40, left 9:47)
Daniel Lubeley, Director of Capital Planning and Construction (joined 9:52, left at 10:09)
Brian Nevin, Director of Transportation (joined 9:57, left at 10:09)

CALL TO ORDER

Antonia Watts called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By consensus, the agenda was approved by the committee members.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

A Motion was made by Ms. Watts nominating Dr. Yun Lu as Chair. Seconded by Ms. Mallo. It was decided that Ms. Watts would run this meeting to assist Dr. Lu with her first meeting as committee chair.

PROCEDURES

Ms. Lueking provided overview of committee charter and protocols.

PROPOSED BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION

Ms Lueking presented the following proposed bills for consideration:

HB0069 Education – Student Behavior – Parent Notice and Required Counseling (Parent Accountability Act)

By consensus, committee members agreed to oppose the legislation.

HB0081 Community Development Administration – Live Near Where You Teach Program – Establishment

The committee members had discussion, asked clarifying questions, and provided input. *By consensus*, committee members agreed to support w/amendments.

HB0082 Maryland Medical Assistance and Children's Health Insurance Programs – School-Based Behavioral Health Services - Reimbursement

The committee members had discussion, asked clarifying questions, and provided input. Committee members Dr. Lu and Ms. Mallo support w/amendments and Ms. Watts supports w/out amendments for Pupil Personnel Workers.

HB0085 Education – Collective Bargaining – Certificated Employees – Class Size

By consensus, committee members agreed to oppose the legislation.

HB0143 Career and Technical Education Committee – Alterations

By consensus, committee members agreed to support the legislation.

SB0011 Motor Vehicles – Speed Limits – School Zones

By consensus, committee members agreed to oppose the legislation.

SB0109 Interagency Commission on School Construction – Systemic Renovation Projects – Eligibility

By consensus, committee members agreed to support the legislation.

CB04-2023

The committee members had discussion, asked clarifying questions, and provided input. Take no position but have presented for informational purposes only.

CB-05-2023

The committee members had discussion, asked clarifying questions, and provided input. *By consensus*, the committee members agreed to support w/amendments to include impacts on the school system with recommendations from Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Mrs. Lueking provided information to the committee on what to expect for Delegation meetings during the season, the status of HoCo 4-23 and 14-23, an update on a potential pre-K funding bill and update on changes to COMAR to address Home and Hospital access.

SCHEDULING

There was discussion regarding a scheduling conflict for February 15 and it was agreed by committee members to change the meeting to February 14 at 9:30.

The remaining dates are scheduled from 9:30 to 11:30 as follows:

February 1, 2023
February 14, 2023
March 1, 2023
March 15, 2023
March 29, 2023

Adjournment - By committee consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.





Howard County Council

March 6

CB-5-2023 Vote Study to Recommend standards for all-electric construction requirements
(Reason to monitor - Impacts housing and school construction costs)

CR44-2023 - Introduction by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION
confirming the appointment of Robyn C. Scates, Esq. to the Howard County Board of Education
Joint Meeting With HCPSS BOE

March 13 – Monthly meeting (SAAC Report – Influences Council Education Spending Budget)

March 20 – Public Hearing On April Bills

March 22 – General Plan Work session – (Determines next 20 years of County development)

March 27 – Work session on April Bills

March 29 – General Plan Work session #2 – (Determines next 20 years of County development)

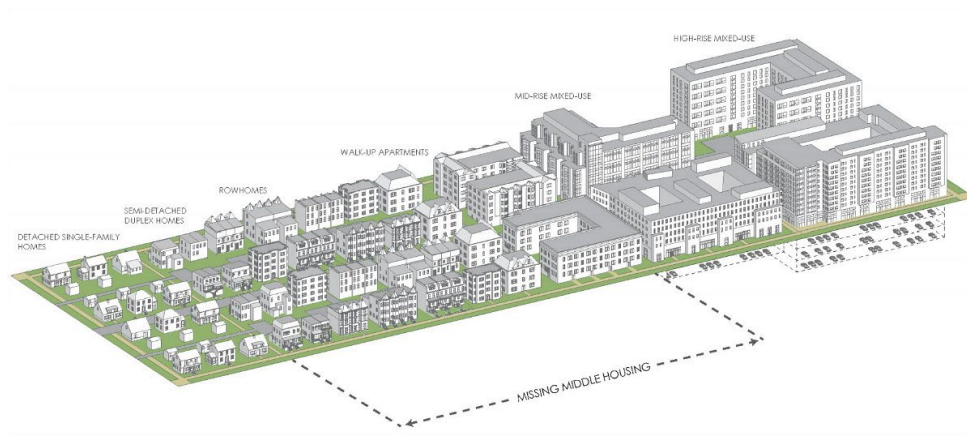
April 3 – Vote on April Bills

Howard County Planning Board

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March 8 Signup cutoff for March 9 Public Testimony Event

The Howard County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the draft General Plan Update, HoCo By Design, which includes a Plan for the Route 1 Corridor. The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the George Howard Building, 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland as well as online via the Webex virtual meeting platform. Individuals wishing to testify virtually at the hearing must register in advance, no later than 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. This notice is provided as required by Section 16.900(i) of the Howard County Code.



Public Facilities & Spaces Report Evaluation & Action Commission

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/boards-commissions/public-facilities-spaces-report-evaluation-action-commission>

The Howard County Public Facilities & Spaces Report Evaluation and Action Commission was established by Executive Order dated May 12, 2022. The Commission will review the Public Spaces Commission Report released last year, implement a strategic plan to obtain community feedback, complete a report making recommendation based on rubric, research and community feedback.

