

PTACHC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

March 27, 2023

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<https://www.fspta.org/advocacy>

HCPSS Budget

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

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

County Executive stance on cuts - County funding to HCPSS has never been reduced from funding provided in the prior year. FY 2020 County funding growth was the 2nd highest in the past decade. Even so, FY 2020 approved County funding to HCPSS was lower than BOE requested County funding, because the request was unaffordable at almost three times the total County revenue growth.

What will be funded in the Executive budget In APRIL?

Executive Capital Budget – April 1

Executive Operating Budget To Council – April 17

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/budget/budget-process>

HCPSS BOE Budget Meeting – APRIL 27, 2023

What will be restored by the County Council In MAY?

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:

STATE Legislation

HB0598 – (3/27) Has Not Crossed Over To Senate

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

Education - Funding for General Education Programs - Definition Alterations

Sponsored by Delegates Wu, D. Barnes, Boafu, 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.

Howard County Council

March 27 – Work session on April Bills, March Public Hearings Continued.

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

April 3 – Vote on April Bills (HCPSS Spring Break)

April 12 – 9:30AM Joint Meeting With HCPSS BOE – One Week Before Exec Budget Release

April 17 – Executive Budget release – Followed By Public Hearing

April 18 – Public Testimony on Capital Budget

April 19 – Council Capital Budget Work Session

April 21 – Council Capital Budget Work Session 2

April 24 – Legislative Work Session

April 24 – Education Budget Public Hearing

April 26 – Capital Budget Work session 3

May 1 – Legislative Session (Same time as PTACHC General meeting)

Howard County Planning Board

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/boards-commissions/planning-board>

March 8 Signup cutoff for April 11 Public Testimony Event

PB Case 455 - Downtown Columbia - Lakefront Neighborhood, Amended Phase I (FDP-DC-L-2A)
The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 in the George Howard Building, Columbia/Ellicott Room, Ellicott City, Maryland for a 12.77 acre property located in the Fifth Election District, on the east side of Little Patuxent Parkway between Sterrett Place and Wincopin Circle in Columbia, MD. The petition, filed under Section 125.0.E.4 of the Howard County Zoning Regulations, seeks an amendment to final development plan, FDP-DC-L-2A, Downtown Columbia, Lakefront Neighborhood, Phase 1 for Downtown Revitalization that proposes 775 residential dwelling units, and 85,000 SF of net new retail on property zoned NT-DMUA on land being developed pursuant to the Downtown Columbia Revitalization Regulations. In addition, filed under Section 125.0.A.h.4 of the Howard County Zoning Regulations, the petition seeks to increase the maximum number of residential units permitted in Phase One of the Downtown Columbia Revitalization Phasing Chart.

HOCO BY DESIGN “The General Plan”

<https://www.hocobydesign.com/>

**The General Plan provides
development and spending
justifications for
the next 20 years.**

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“The General Plan”

<https://www.hocobydesign.com/19071/widgets/61121/documents/40341>

Change Log Based On Community Input

- *Asks for more development overall**
- *Asks for more exemptions to school overcrowding**
- *Requests affordable housing bonus density (that already exists)**
- *Desire to change school overcrowding calculations (for more density)**

Wednesday, March 22, 6:30pm

- Introduction (Chapter 1)

Wednesday, March 29, 9:30am

- Growth Conservation (Chapter 2) & Future Land Use Map (FLUM)
- Character Areas (Appendix B)
- Fiscal Impact Analysis

Wednesday, June 7, 9:30am

- Supporting Infrastructure (Chapter 9)
- Managing Growth (Chapter 10)
- Public School Facilities (Chapter 8)

Wednesday, June 14, 7:00pm

- Public Hearing #1

Wednesday, June 21, 9:30am

- Ecological Health (Chapter 4)
- Environment (Appendix A)

Wednesday, July 12, 9:30am

- Quality by Design (Chapter 7)
- Focus Areas (Appendix C)

Wednesday, July 19, 7pm

- Public Hearing #2

Wednesday, July 26, 6:30pm

- Dynamic Neighborhoods (Chapter 6)

Wednesday, Sept 6, 9:30am

- Economic Prosperity (Chapter 5)
- Rt. 1 Corridor

Wednesday, Sept 13, 6:30pm

- County in Motion (Chapter 4)
- Implementation (Chapter 11)

Wednesday, Sept 20, 7:00pm

- Public Hearing #3

Thursday, Sept 21, 7:00pm

- Public Hearing, continuation (if needed)

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