

PTACHC Legislative Update – JAN 8, 2024



January 2024

JAN 3 – 3:00PM COUNTY SPENDING AFFORDABILITY MEETING

JAN 8 – 7:30PM PTACHC GENERAL – POSITIONS

JAN 9 – 9:30AM COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

JAN 10 – Noon MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES

JAN 11 – 4:00PM BOE MEETING & BUDGET TIMELINE

JAN 16 – 7:00PM COUNCIL TESTIMONY

JAN 18 – 4:00PM – HCPSS SUPERINTENDENT BUDGET RELEASE

JAN 23 – 9:30AM COUNCIL WORK SESSION

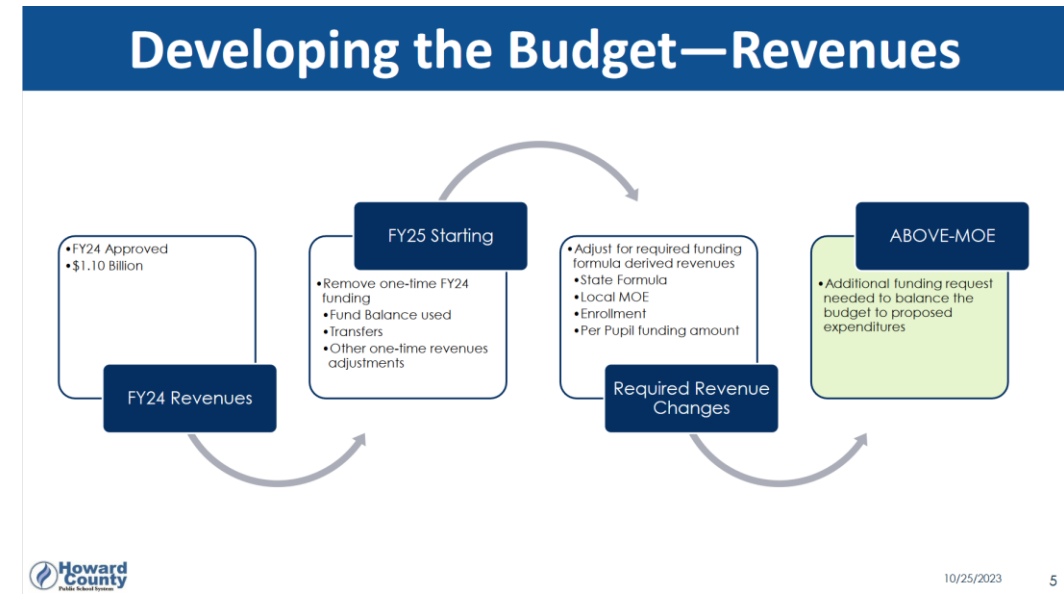
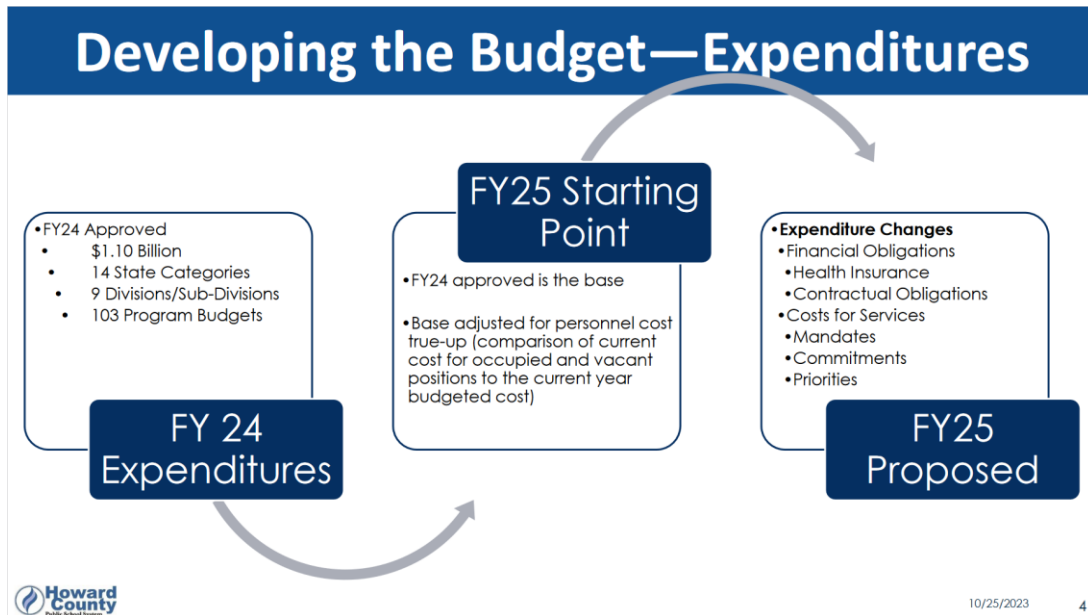
Superintendent Presents Proposed Operating Budget

As required by the Maryland Code of Regulations, the Superintendent is required to articulate and request the funding needed to meet the mandates and the needs of the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS), so all students and staff have the greatest opportunity to succeed while also ensuring fiduciary responsibility over a budget that is largely funded by the taxpayers of Howard County.

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HCPSS BUDGET – Tonight's Subject – Blueprint & Upcoming JAN 11 Budget Release

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



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GENERAL PLAN RELEASED

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

NOW COMES IMPLEMENTATION.

APFO SCHOOL CHARTS AND HOUSING UNIT ALLOCATIONS ALREADY PASSED OUT OF CYCLE.

SAAC MEETING REVEALED COUNTY UNSURE

WHAT TO DO WITH MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

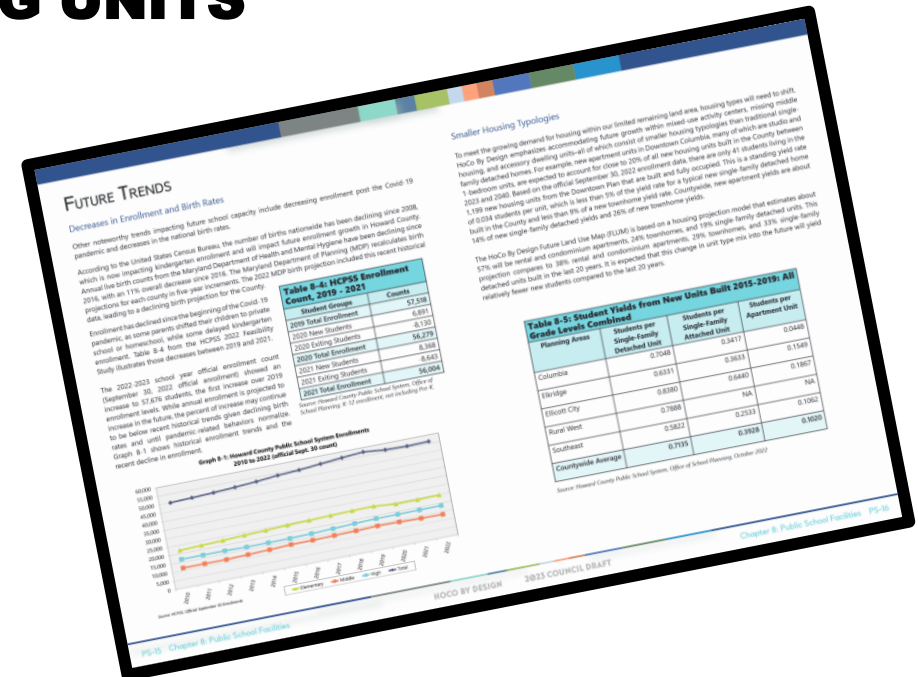
THAT ARE ALREADY EXEMPTED FROM APFO.

COMPREHENSIVE REZONING TBD

*SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTS RATES OF GROWTH, REVENUE & EXPENSES

*ALL CURRENT PROJECTIONS ARE BASED OFF OF THE **PRIOR** GENERAL PLAN

*ADJUSTMENTS TO BOTH CAPITAL AND OPERATIONING WILL BE NEEDED



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APFO COMMITTEE STATUS

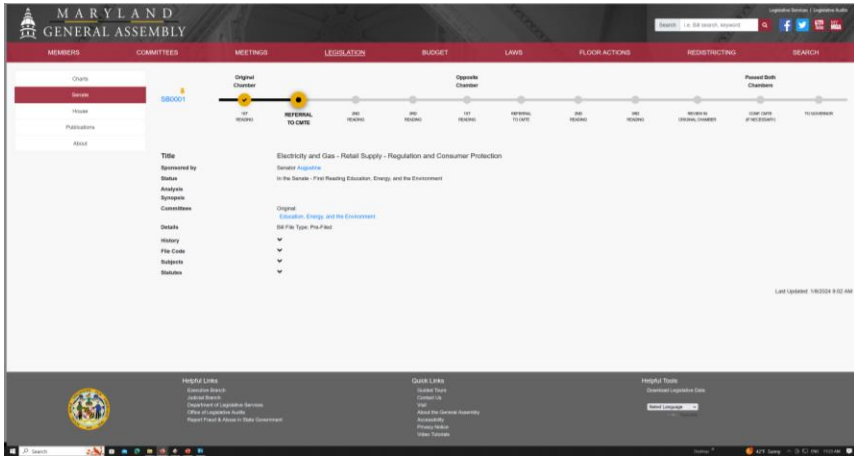
Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Committee required to convene within 1 year of General Plan update (Oct 2024). APFO determines the “acceptable” level of intentional school overcrowding

PTACHC has sent a letter of interest to participate. No Response So Far.

APFO START DATE UNDETERMINED

***DPZ claims delays are due to concurrent planning of Gateway, Comprehensive Rezoning and APFO. DPZ is seeking a National “APFO EXPERT” that will guide the county policy. Experience and qualifications are TBD.** (source - hclwv forum)

PTACHC IS CONTINUING TO MONITOR THE STATE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT TASK FORCE - <https://planning.maryland.gov/Pages/OurWork/ADUTF/ADU.aspx>



Maryland General Assembly Website with bills live JAN. 8, 2024 at 9:00 AM

565 Bills So Far

**HOUSING EXPANSION AND AFFORDABILITY ACT Contains Language
To remove school overcrowding protections in APFO statewide**

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/>



Howard County Delegation

Held public session on Howard County “Local” Bills

Nov 30, 2023

Public testimony on “Statewide” bills and late-filed

“Local” bills TBD

(Typically, only one session)

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/state-delegationgov/state-delegation>

EDUCATION RELATED MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY LOCAL BILLS FOR HOWARD COUNTY
<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/state-delegation>

Howard County – Commercial Building Excise Tax – Board of Education Deferred Maintenance

[Ho. Co. 13-24](#)

By: Delegate Atterbeary

For the purpose of authorizing the County Council of Howard County to impose an excise tax on commercial building construction; requiring the excise tax revenue to be used only for deferred maintenance needs identified by the Howard County Board of Education; and generally relating to a commercial building excise tax in Howard County and deferred maintenance in the Howard County Public School System. Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public–Private



Considerations * Two Separate Issues

Draft Position For Discussion :

A) PTACHC SUPPORTS A Commercial Excise Tax For Deferred Maintenance

*B) PTACHC SUPPORTS A PPP workgroup that comprehensively compares PPP's ability to traditional delivery to resolve **long term, sustainable systemwide needs**. PTACHC requests representation on this workgroup.*

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Partnerships for Howard County Public Schools – Established
[Ho. Co. 14–24](#)

By: Senator Lam

For the purpose of establishing the Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public–Private Partnerships for Howard County Public Schools; and generally relating to the Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public–Private Partnerships for Howard County Public Schools.

Considerations * PPP ability to serve, rather than prioritize all long-term capital needs.

Draft Position For Discussion :

*PTACHC SUPPORTS A PPP workgroup that comprehensively compares PPP's ability to traditional delivery to resolve **long term, sustainable systemwide needs**. PTACHC requests representation on this workgroup.*

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HCPSS – Publishing of School Need Criteria Scores

Ho. Co. 16-24

By: Delegates Watson, Wu, and Ziegler, and Senator Hester and Lam

This bill, intended to provide predictability and increase transparency in school renovation priorities made by Board of Education, is still in drafting. The final bill text will be posted when available.



Considerations *Prioritization vs Comprehensive Capital Planning

Draft Position For Discussion :

PTACHC SUPPORTS clear, consistent evaluation of school capital needs and funding availability.

PTACHC requests representation in this process.

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**Howard County – Public Campaign Financing – Board of
Education**

[Ho. Co. 1-24](#)

By: Senator Lam

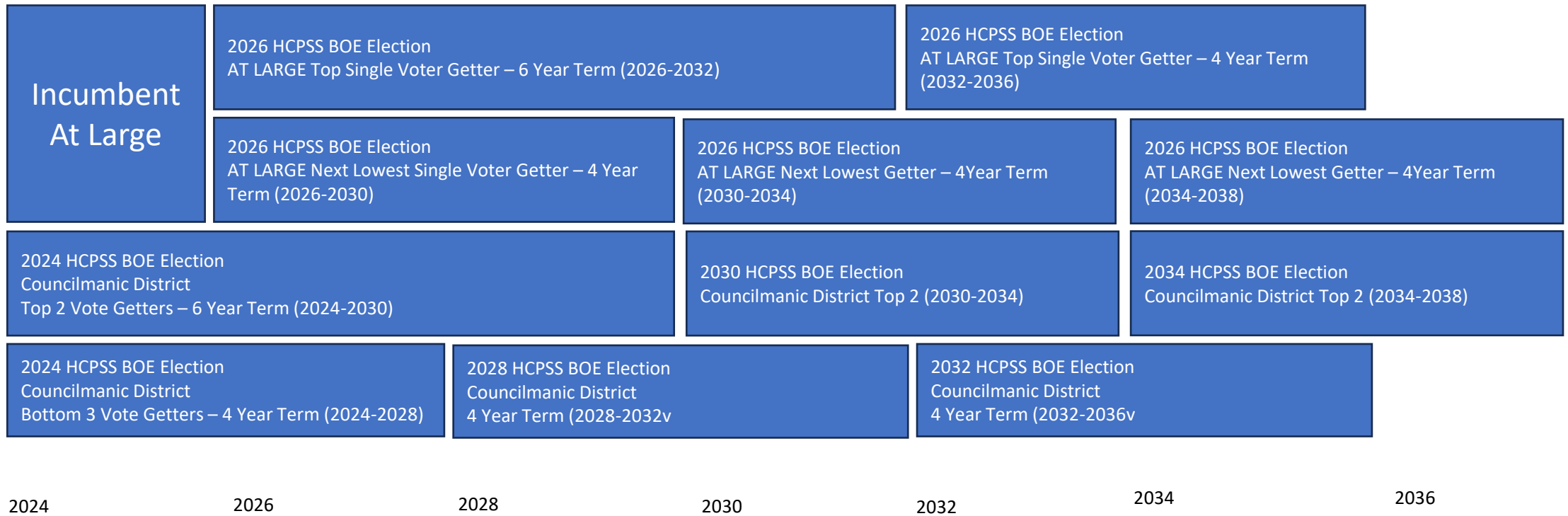
For the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Howard County to establish a system of public campaign financing for members of the county board of education; and generally relating to public campaign financing in Howard County.



Considerations * Expansion of Candidate Pool
Draft Position For Discussion :
*PTACHC SUPPORTS 1-24 PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING
FOR THE HCPSS BOE*



2-24 Bill BOE SEAT STAGGERING



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**Howard County Board of Education – Board Member Terms
and Compensation Commission**

[Ho. Co. 2-24](#)

By: Senator Lam

For the purpose of altering the terms of the members of the Howard County Board of Education; establishing the Howard County Board of Education Compensation Commission; and generally relating to the terms of members of the Howard County Board of Education and to the Howard County Board of Education Compensation Commission.



Considerations * CHANGE IN BOE TERMS – 6 Year Terms

Draft Position(s) For Discussion :

- A) *PTACHC SUPPORTS A BOE COMPENSATION COMMISSION.*
- B) *PTACHC DOES NOT SUPPORT BOE TERM ADJUSTMENTS LISTED
IN 2-24*

EDUCATION RELATED MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY LOCAL BILLS FOR HOWARD COUNTY
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[Ho. Co. 6-24](#)

By: Delegates Wu and Terrasa

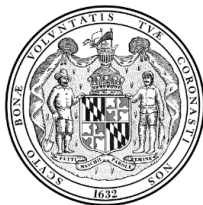
For the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Council to adopt, by law, a ranked-choice voting method for elections for the Howard County Board of Education; and generally relating to the use of ranked-choice voting for elections for the Howard County Board of Education.



Considerations * Change relevant to non-partisan races

Draft Position For Discussion :

PTACHC SUPPORTS 6-24 Ranked-Choice Voting for BOE Elections



Department of Legislative Services
General Assembly of Maryland
Dates of Interest
2024 SESSION
 446th Session
 (Preliminary)

MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY DATES

JANUARY						
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- January 10** GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES (*noon, Wednesday*)
- 17** Final date for the Governor to introduce budget bill.
- 17** Final Date for the Governor to introduce capital budget bill.
- 19** *10th Day* – Final date for submission of Executive Orders reorganizing the Executive Branch of State Government; either Chamber may disapprove by resolution within 50 days.
- 19** *10th Day* – **SENATE AND HOUSE BILL REQUEST GUARANTEE DATE**
- 22** *13th Day* – Administration bills introduced in the Senate after this date referred to Senate Rules Committee
- TBD** Governor delivers State of the State Address
- February 5** *27th Day* – **SENATE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE**
Senate bills introduced after this date referred to the Senate Rules Committee
- 8** In order to meet the bill introduction date, House bills must be filed with the Chief Clerk’s office by 5:00 P.M.
- 9** *31st Day* – **HOUSE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE**
House bills introduced after this date referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
- 18** *40th Day* – “Green Bag” appointments submitted by Governor (*Delivered on Friday, February 16*)
- March 4** *55th Day* – Final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules
- 12** *63rd Day* – Committee Reporting Courtesy Date
Each Chamber’s committees to report their own bills by this date.
- 18** *69th Day* – Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date
Each Chamber to send to other Chamber those bills it intends to pass favorably.
Opposite Chamber bills received after this date subject to referral to Rules Committees (Senate Rule 32(c), House Courtesy Date)
- April 1** *83rd Day* – Budget bill to be passed by both Chambers.
- 8** *90th Day* – **ADJOURNMENT “SINE DIE” (Monday)**
- May 8** Final date for an extended session (*Wednesday*)
- 14** Maryland Presidential Primary Election

POST-SESSION

- April 28** 20th Day after adjournment — Final date for presentment of bills to the Governor
- May 28** 30th Day after presentment — Governor to sign/veto bills by this date.
- June 1** Other than emergency bills and as otherwise provided, earliest date for bills to take effect.
- July 1** Budgetary, tax, and revenue bills to take effect.
- October 1** Usual effective date for bills

Reference Material

Schedule C

Howard County, Maryland School Facilities Surcharge As of June 30, 2023

Fiscal Year	Beginning Balance	Surcharge Collected	Debt Service Surcharge Bonds*	Pay Go	Ending Balance
2005	\$ -	\$ 5,946,543	\$ -		\$ 5,946,543
2006	5,946,543	6,814,269	-		12,760,812
2007	12,760,812	6,371,054	2,204,998		16,926,868
2008	16,926,868	4,749,863	4,313,639		17,363,092
2009	17,363,092	3,796,822	5,801,401		15,358,513
2010	15,358,513	5,890,008	6,167,534		15,080,987
2011	15,080,987	4,875,886	6,911,415		13,045,458
2012	13,045,458	5,660,948	7,000,115		11,706,292
2013	11,706,292	6,581,536	7,764,529		10,523,299
2014	10,523,299	6,765,059	8,066,618		9,221,740
2015	9,221,740	6,883,468	7,500,572		8,604,636
2016	8,604,636	7,268,211	7,246,418		8,626,429
2017	8,626,429	5,944,674	7,255,368		7,315,735
2018	7,315,735	6,219,580	7,065,629		6,469,686
2019	6,469,686	5,650,869	7,108,644		5,011,911
2020	5,011,911	4,542,354	7,141,574		2,412,691
2021	2,412,691	9,409,794	6,466,201	3,000,000	2,356,283
2022	2,356,283	16,049,851	5,930,855	4,000,000	8,475,280
2023	16,146,362 **	18,411,198	4,931,535	9,070,864	20,555,162

* Principal and Interest

** Beginning balance was restated to report actual Pay Go expenditures instead of budgeted.

The County sold \$31,000,000 of School Facilities Surcharge Bonds in January 2006, \$27,470,454 in March 2007, \$16,533,546 in February 2008, \$7,950,000 in March 2009, \$5,940,534 in February 2010, \$40,000 in February 2011, \$19,466 in November 2011, \$5,000,000 in April 2014, \$471,000 in April 2015, \$1,933,910 in March 2016, \$3,595,090 in April 2017, \$1,000,000 in April 2018, \$858,000 in May 2019 and \$142,000 in May 2020. The outstanding debt service on those bonds is \$27,469,378. The surcharges collected annually will be used to fund those future debt service payments.

School Surcharge Status

***A One Time Payment For One Time Expense (CAPACITY)**

***Frees up available funding for reoccurring expenses (Operations/Renovations)**

***Can be used for Non-Capacity Projects (Backfill Issues)**

***Should fund PAY-GO expenses (Revenues should closely pace capacity needs and expenses)**

***Was (and still is) used to repay a revolving line of debt for past expenses – now at \$27 Million**

***2023 Only \$9M used for capacity projects of \$18M Collected**

***Charged in \$ Per Square Foot of new residential development (i.e. – Already is “progressive” charging less for small affordable unit types and more for large Single-Family homes)**

***Even with 2018 Increase phased in, amount is far below actual costs needed to cover expenses.**

(See Oakland Mills, Dunloggin, Turf Valley and others for real-life examples)

***There is NO current legislative effort by the HCPSS, Council, Executive Office, State or other to rectify.**

***OUR shared school system is falling behind as a result.**