

PTACHC Legislative Update – FEB 12, 2024



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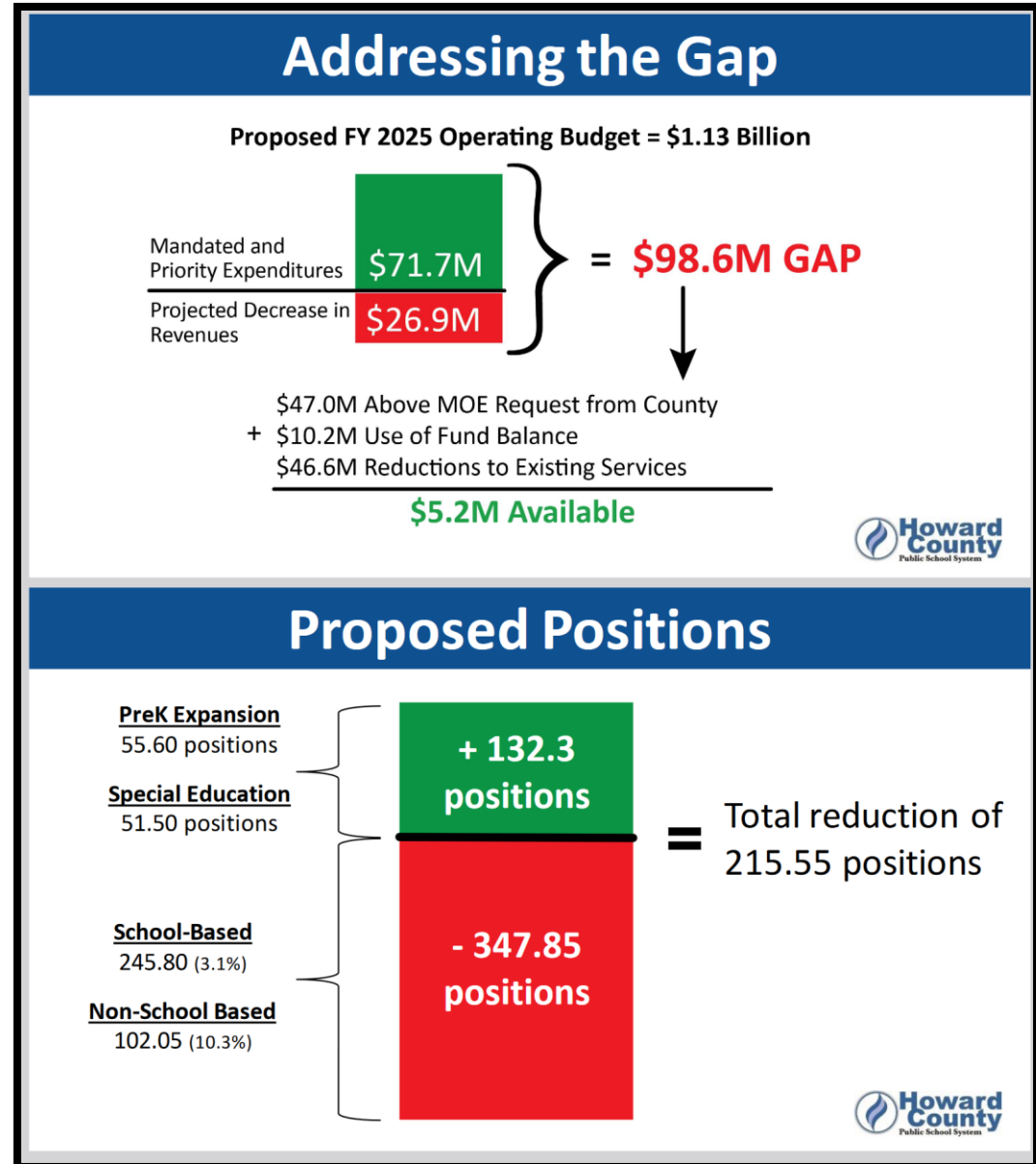
kindergarten ready to learn. By FY25, local school systems in the State should have converted their half-day classrooms to full-day classrooms so that by FY26, all 4-year old children from low-income households who wish to enroll in full-day pre-k will be able to. Therefore, the workgroup recommends \$3.5 million be allocated towards the expansion of the remaining half-day classrooms to full-day in all Elementary schools.

Pillar 2 requires a significant investment into the teaching profession. By FY25, each local school system shall establish a new statewide educator career ladder and professional development system to support and encourage teachers to obtain and maintain National Board Certification (NBC). Subject to collective bargaining, each local school system shall develop a career ladder and develop policies to select teachers and leaders to move up the career ladder in accordance with State law and the AIB.

Therefore, the workgroup recommends, subject to collective bargaining, that an adequate funding amount be allocated in the FY25 operating budget to create and sustain a career ladder.

Lastly, the Blueprint requires specific technology investments to align with the mandated instructional model, by FY25. Therefore, the workgroup recommends \$3.5 million be allocated towards the per-pupil investment of required technology costs.

We look forward to continuing the hard work of fully implementing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future to enhance the excellence of our public education system.





Policy 5200 Review Committee Updates on Student Transportation

- Home addresses that were part of the new non-transportation zones announced in March 2023 that were given school bus service back due to demarcation line changes may have school bus service taken away again if changes are not made to policy language.
- YOU can share opinions at any point by e-mailing BOE@hcpss.org
- Regardless of what the committee decides, HCPSS can present a policy of their choice for review to the Board of Education
- HCPSS will report on their recommendations to the Board of Education on April 11th
- YOU can speak in person or virtually at the public hearing on Thursday, May 9th
- The Board will vote on revised policy on June 6th
- The Transportation Internal Action Report link was emailed out in the HCPSS News E-mail last week: https://www.hcpss.org/f/schools/transportation/2023-24-transportation-action-report.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3MkNgTYgG8pfUMJLvlIQAsg0ygz11cxD92k85ooFU823QIn29M7y_-E3k
- Questions or comments? E-mail Corinne.happel@ptachc.org

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FEB 5 - County Council Legislative Session - Housing Offsite Exemption Bill Failed

FEB 11 - 3:00PM County SPENDING AFFORDABILITY MEETING 6

FEB 12 – 10:00AM HCPSS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FEB 12 – 9:45 AM – BOE MEETING WITH COUNTY COUNCIL

FEB 14 - 3:00PM County SPENDING AFFORDABILITY MEETING 7

FEB 15 – 7:00PM - HCPSS BUDGET HEARING #3

FEB 15 – 7:00PM – PLANNING BOARD TESTIMONY ON FY2025 & Ten Year Capital Plan

FEB 15 – 6:30-9:00AM – FREE STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY ANNAPOLIS

FEB 20 – 7:00PM – County Council Public Hearing

FEB 20 – 7:00PM - HCPSS BUDGET HEARING (OVERLAP)

FEB 21 – PTACHC BOARD MEETING

FEB 22 – 4:00PM/7:00PM – HCPSS BOE MEETING

FEB 26 – 7:00PM - HCPSS BUDGET HEARING

FEB 27 – 9:30AM – COUNCIL WORK SESSION

FEB 28 – 3:00PM County SPENDING AFFORDABILITY MEETING FINAL

FEB 29 – 4:00PM BOE ADOPT FY 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET

MARCH 4 7:00PM – HCPSS BOE MEETS WITH PTACHC PRESIDENTS & CAC

MARCH 16 – HIGH NOON: PTACHC BOE CANDIDATE FORUM - HOWARD HIGH




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HCPSS BUDGET – FINAL NEGOTIATIONS

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

Public Hearing


 January 25, 2024, 7 p.m.

[▶ Archived video](#)

[Public Hearing Testimonies](#)

[Complete FY25 Operating
Budget Testimonies](#)


Work Session

 January 29, 2024, 1 p.m.

[▶ Archived video](#)

[Work Session Agenda &
Documents](#)


Work Session

 February 1, 2024, 1 p.m.


[▶ Archived video](#)

[Work Session Agenda &
Documents](#)

Work Session


 February 15, 2024, 1 p.m.

Public Hearing

 February 15, 2024, 7 p.m.


*Hearing has reached capacity.
Additional public hearings
have been scheduled.*

Public Hearing


 February 20, 2024, 7 p.m.

*Hearing has reached capacity.
An additional public hearing
has been scheduled for Feb.
26.*

Work Session


 February 22, 2024, 7 p.m.

Public Hearing


 February 26, 2024, 7 p.m.

[Register to testify](#) at the public
hearing

Work Session (if needed)

 February 29, 2024, 1 p.m.

Adoption of FY 2025 Operating & Capital Budgets and FY 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program

 February 29, 2024, 4 p.m.

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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

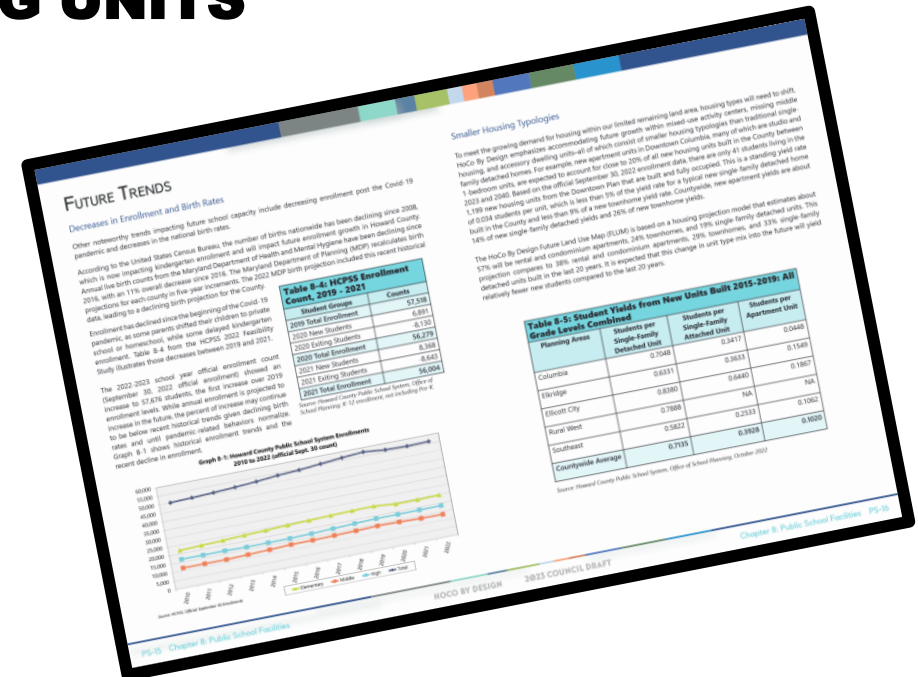
THAT ARE ALREADY EXEMPTED FROM APFO.

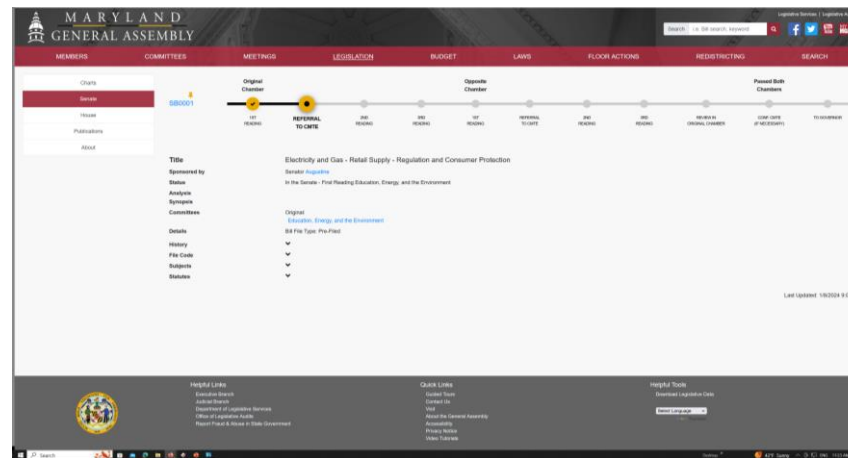
COMPREHENSIVE REZONING TBD

*SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTS RATES OF GROWTH, REVENUE & EXPENSES

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

*ADJUSTMENTS TO BOTH CAPITAL AND OPERATING WILL BE NEEDED





Maryland General Assembly

1113 Senate and 1460 House Bills So Far

See HB1450:School Funding

Howard County Task Force to Study Revenue Options for School Capital Needs Ho. Co. 18-24

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

SEE SB0484

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

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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 STILL 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>



Howard County Delegation Howard County “Local” Bills

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

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/SubjectIndex/howardc?ys=2024rs>

NOTE: AMENDMENTS DETERMINING FINAL ACTION MAY BE REFLECTED LATER IN MGA BILL TEXT
AS BILL GOES THROUGH CHAMBERS



LATE BILLS
HB-1450

Howard County Task Force
to Study Revenue Options
for School Capital Needs
Ho. Co. 18-24

Ho. Co. 1–24 - Passed by the Delegation on February 7, 2024 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.

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

Ho. Co. 2–24 - Passed by the Delegation on February 7, 2024 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.

Howard County Board of Education – Liquidated Damages – Model Policy and Requirements

Ho. Co. 3–24 - Passed by the Delegation as amended on February 7, 2024 By: Senator Lam

For the purpose of requiring the Howard County Board of Education, on or before a certain date and in consultation with the Howard County Executive and the Howard County Council, to publish a model policy concerning the inclusion and use of liquidated damages provisions in procurement contracts; requiring certain student transportation procurement contracts to include a liquidated damages clause consistent with the model policy, subject to a certain exception; requiring certain documentation of a decision not to pursue certain liquidated damages under certain circumstances; and generally relating to Howard County Board of Education procurements and liquidated damages provisions.

Columbia Association Annual Charge – Lease Requirements, Governing Documents, and Income Tax Subtraction Modification

Ho. Co. 4–24 By: Delegate Hill

For the purpose of requiring a written lease for residential real property in Columbia in Howard County to include information on the annual charge assessed by the Columbia Association under certain circumstances; requiring certain homeowners associations to include a certain provision related to the annual charge in their governing documents; allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for a certain annual charge during certain taxable years; and generally relating to annual charges in Columbia in Howard County.

Howard County – Board of Education Elections – Ranked–Choice Voting

Ho. Co. 6-24 - Passed by the Delegation on February 7, 2024 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.

Howard County – Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements – Moderate Income Housing

Ho. Co. 8–24 - Passed by the Delegation as amended on February 7, 2024 By: Delegate Feldmark

For the purpose of authorizing certain owners of real property and the governing body of Howard County to enter into payment in lieu of taxes agreements for maintaining a certain number of moderate income housing units at the property; and generally relating to payment in lieu of taxes agreements in Howard County.

Candidates for Village Board or Columbia Council in a Village of Columbia – Reports of Donations and Disbursements

Ho. Co. 10-24 - Passed by the Delegation on February 7, 2024 By: Delegate Terrasa

For the purpose of requiring each village community association for a village of Columbia to require each candidate for election to the village board or the Columbia Council who receives donations or makes disbursements to file reports of the donations and disbursements with the village community association; requiring each village community association to make the reports of donations and disbursements available to the public; prohibiting a candidate for election to a village board or the Columbia Council who is elected from taking office if the candidate has failed to file a report of donations and disbursements; and generally relating to reports of donations and disbursements by candidates for village board or Columbia Council in a village of Columbia.

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 Partnerships for Howard County Public Schools – Established

Ho. Co. 14–24 - Passed by the Delegation as amended on February 8, 2024 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.

Howard County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board – Term Length – Alteration

Ho. Co. 15-24 - Passed by the Delegation on February 7, 2024 By: Chair, Howard County Delegation

For the purpose of limiting the term of a member serving on the agricultural preservation advisory board in Howard County to a certain number of years; authorizing members currently serving on the agricultural preservation advisory board in Howard County to complete their terms; and generally relating to the term length of a member serving on the agricultural preservation advisory board in Howard County.

Howard County Public Schools – Differences in Capital Budget Proposals – Report

Ho.Co. 16-24 - Passed by the Delegation as amended on February 7, 2024 By: Delegates Watson, Wu, and Ziegler, and Senator Hester and Lam

For the purpose of requiring the Howard County Board of Education, under certain circumstances, to publish on the website of the Howard County public school system a certain report on the differences between the Howard County Superintendent of Schools’ proposed capital budget and the capital budget approved by the Howard County Board of Education; requiring the Howard County Board of Education to submit a certain report to the General Assembly under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the capital budget of Howard County Public Schools.

Howard County - Task Force to Study Reallocation of Transfer Tax Revenue

Ho. Co. 18-24 - Passed by the Delegation as amended on February 8, 2024By: Delegate Wu

For the purpose of establishing the Howard County Task Force on Transfer Tax. Distribution Formula Reformation to analyze and propose rebalancing the county transfer tax distribution; and generally relating to the Howard County Task Force on Transfer Tax Distribution Formula Reformation.

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

**FAILED
DID NOT FOLLOW PTACHC
RECCOMENDATION**

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



POSTION PASSED PTACHC DELEGATION JAN 8, 2024

A) PTACHC SUPPORTS An Commercial Excise Tax For Deferred Maintenance

POSTION PASSED PTACHC DELEGATION JAN 8, 2024

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

EDUCATION RELATED MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY LOCAL BILLS FOR HOWARD COUNTY
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**PASSED
DID NOT FOLLOW ALL PTACHC
RECCOMENDATIONS
PTACHC CUT OUT OF COMMITTEE**



Partnerships for Howard County Public Schools – Established

[Ho. Co. 14–24](#) HB1442

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.

POSTION PASSED PTACHC DELEGATION JAN 8, 2024

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EDUCATION RELATED MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY LOCAL BILLS FOR HOWARD COUNTY
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**PASSED
DID NOT FOLLOW ALL PTACHC
RECOMMENDATIONS**

HCPSS – Publishing of School Need Criteria Scores

Ho. Co. 16-24 HB1440

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.



POSTION PASSED PTACHC DELEGATION JAN 8, 2024

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

PTACHC requests representation in this process.

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



Howard County – Public Campaign Financing – Board of Education

[Ho. Co. 1–24](#) HB1352

By: Senator Lam

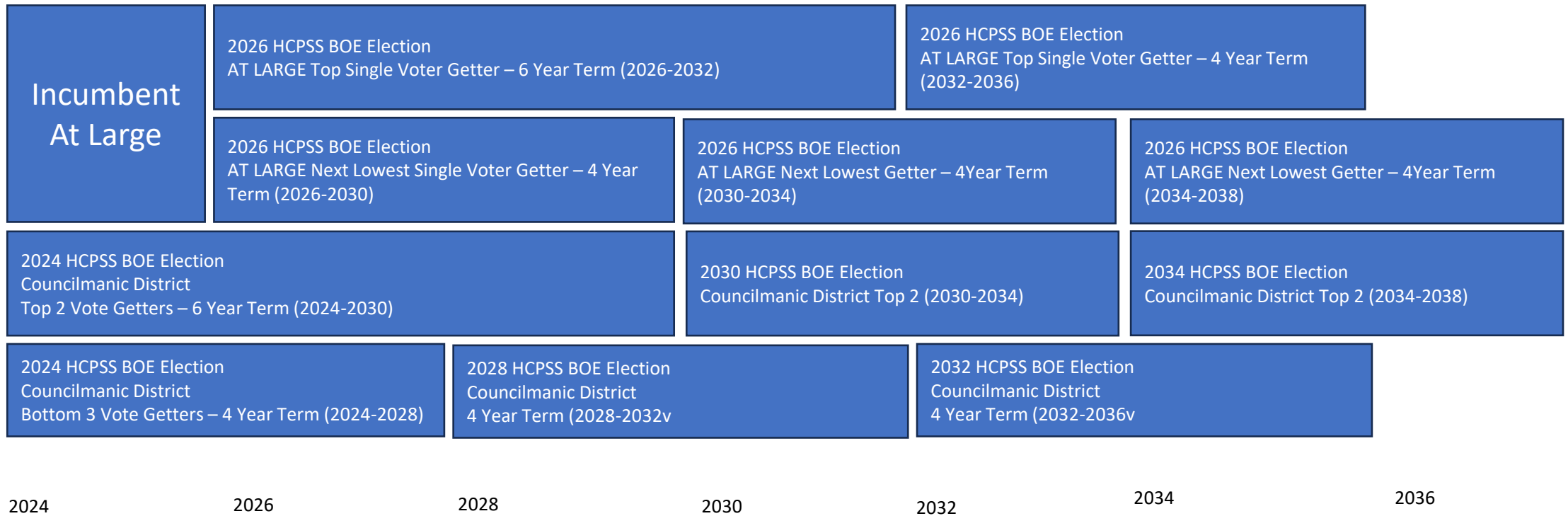
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POSTION PASSED PTACHC DELEGATION JAN 8, 2024
PTACHC SUPPORTS 1-24 PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING
FOR THE HCPSS BOE



2-24 Bill BOE SEAT STAGGARING



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



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

[Ho. Co. 2-24](#) HB1350

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.



POSTION PASSED PTACHC DELEGATION JAN 8, 2024

A) PTACHC SUPPORTS A BOE COMPENSATION COMMISSION.

POSTION PASSED PTACHC DELEGATION JAN 8, 2024

***B) PTACHC DOES NOT SUPPORT BOE TERM ADJUSTMENTS LISTED
IN 2-24 THAT EXCEED 4 YEARS***

EDUCATION RELATED MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY LOCAL BILLS FOR HOWARD COUNTY
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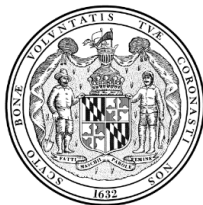
[Ho. Co. 6-24](#) HB 1353

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.



POSTION PASSED PTACHC DELEGATION JAN 8, 2024
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.**