



Howard County Council

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HCPSS-BOE Operating Budget Process

The Superintendent's Proposed FY25 Operating Budget will change as it goes through the process:

- **January 18:** Superintendent submits the proposed budget to the Board of Education (BOE).
- **January 25–March 7:** The BOE holds public hearings and work sessions on the Superintendent's proposed budget. The BOE has the authority to adjust the budget before submitting the final approved request to the County Executive.
- **April:** The County Executive reviews the BOE's request and submits the County Executive's proposed budget to the County Council for review and adoption.
- **May:** The County Council holds budget hearings and work sessions on the County Executive's proposed budget.
- **May 22:** The County Council adopts the County budget.
- **May 23:** Once the budget is approved by the County Council, the Board reconvenes to make any changes to the budget as needed based on the final funding allocation. The Board of Education adopts the final FY 2025 Operating Budget.

Council Budget Authority

The County Council can increase the County Executive's education budget, but only up to the Board's requests and only in specific State-approved expense categories. The County Council does not have control over line-item allocations. If the County Council increases school funding, then cuts must be made in the County budget.

State-approved Expense Categories

Administration	Transportation
Mid-Level Administration	Operation of Plant
Instruction	Maintenance of Plant
Special Education	Fixed Charges
Pupil Services	Community Services
Health Services	Capital Outlay