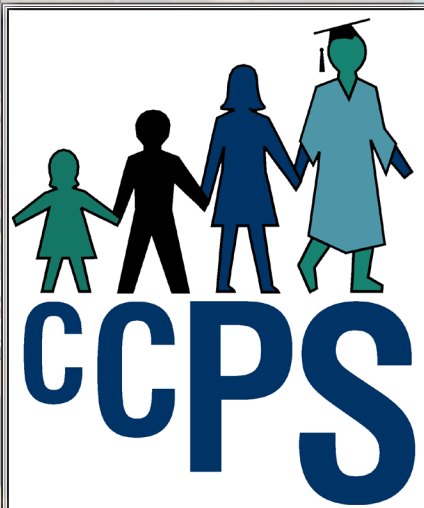




ANNUAL REPORT

2013-2014



Cecil County Public Schools

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to share with you the 2013-2014 Annual Report which contains important financial information and significant accomplishments of Cecil County Public Schools students and staff from the previous school year. As you will see throughout this publication CCPS continues to excel.

This year's Cecil County Teacher of the Year, Kelly O'Hara of Elkton High School, was named one of seven finalists for the Maryland Teacher of the Year title. Kelly is Cecil County's fourth consecutive finalist for this title. It was very exciting to once again receive the phone call from State Superintendent Dr. Lowery informing me that we had another state finalist. We are exceptionally proud of the fact that we have had four straight years of finalists, and especially that three of those four are Cecil County graduates, including Kelly. This is yet another indicator of the dedicated and talented employees that work in our schools and offices each and every day. You can read more about Kelly O'Hara and our Teacher of the Year process in this publication.

We are also proud of the continued progress made in both graduation and dropout rates. Cecil County's graduation rate has improved 10% since 2009 and the dropout rate has decreased 4.5% since 2010. We are very proud of this sustained positive trend of our graduation data but also recognize that we must continue our work in this area.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the employees of Cecil County Public Schools, I would like to thank you for your support of our county schools.

Sincerely,

D'Ette W. Devine, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



D'Ette Devine- Superintendent of Schools, William Manlove (District 1), Wendy Wintersgill- Vice President (District 3), Dawn Branch- President (District 5), Lauren Camphausen- (District 2), Donna Zane (District 4), Kristopher Swanson (Student Member)

THE CCPS MISSION

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADUATION LEARNING EXPERIENCE THAT ENABLES ALL STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE THE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND ATTITUDES REQUIRED FOR LIFELONG LEARNING AND PRODUCTIVE CITIZENSHIP IN AN EVER-CHANGING GLOBAL SOCIETY.

CCPS GOALS

1. ALL STUDENTS WILL MEET OR EXCEED HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS.
2. ALL STUDENTS WILL LEARN IN A SAFE, SECURE, AND INVITING ENVIRONMENT.
3. ALL STUDENTS WILL BENEFIT FROM EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY A LEARNING ORGANIZATION.

Fast Facts

Schools

Elementary	17
Middle	6
High	5
Career & Technology	1
Cecil Alternative Program	1

Enrollment

Students Enrolled	15,824
Teacher: Student Ratio	
Elementary	1:21
Secondary	1:20

Personnel

Teachers	1,307
Certificated Administrators & Supervisors	134
Support Staff	686
Total Employees	2,127

Facilities

Square Footage	2,238,407
Relocatables	55

Technology

Computer:Student Ratio	1:3.2
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Highlights

Bohemia Manor High School and Elkton High School each received the designated “Nationally Ranked” Silver Medal recognition while Perryville High School was awarded the “Recognized Nationally” Bronze Medal recognition on the *US News and World Report* list of America’s top high schools.

In October 2013, CCPS acquired the property located at 912 Appleton Road in Elkton which will open as the new Cecil County School of Technology in August 2015.

Sgt. Scott Adams of the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office was named the recipient of the Sam Walker Lifetime Achievement Award as the 2014 D.A.R.E Officer of the Year. Sgt. Adams is the supervising officer for the Sheriff’s Office School Resource Officers unit.

North East Elementary parent, Diana Hawley, was named Cecil County Public Schools’ semifinalist for the 2014 Maryland State Department of Education Parent Involvement Matters Award.

The Business and Education Partnership Advisory Council celebrated its 25-year anniversary.

Traci Evans of Conowingo Elementary was named Conservation Teacher of the Year by the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts.

Charlestown Elementary was recognized for receiving a Superior rating from the Maryland School Construction Program.

Conowingo Elementary celebrated the opening of their new rain garden with a ribbon cutting ceremony. This project involved students, staff, and community partners.

Dr. D’Ette Devine, Superintendent of Schools, received the 2014 Athena Award from the Cecil County Chamber of Commerce.

Kenmore Elementary School was named the Cecil County Public Library’s 2013 APGFCU Summer Reading Cup Challenge winner!

Teacher of the Year

Kelly O’Hara, Cecil County’s 2014 Teacher of the Year, teaches social studies at Elkton High School. Ms. O’Hara was also named one of seven finalists for Maryland Teacher of the Year.

Kelly is an alumna of Elkton High School where she now teaches. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History Secondary Education from Salisbury University in 2005 and a Master of Science degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an Administration I certification from McDaniel College in 2011.



Dr. Devine Named 2014 Athena Award Recipient

In March, Dr. D'Ette Devine, Superintendent of Schools, was named the 2014 Athena Award recipient by the Cecil County Chamber of Commerce. The Athena Award is presented to an individual who is honored for professional excellence, community service and for actively assisting women in their attainment of the leadership skills required to excel in their profession.



Continuous Improvement: Graduation & Dropout Rates

- The data released by the Maryland State Department of Education in January indicated continued improvement in both graduation and dropout rates for CCPS. The data is reflective of the 4-year cohort for the class of 2013. Cecil County's graduation rate has improved 10% since 2009 and the dropout rate has decreased 4.5% since 2010.

Cohort Graduation Rate

State - 83.57% to 84.97% (1.4% increase)

CCPS - 84.07% to 86.69% (2.62% increase)

Cohort Dropout Rate

State - 10.22% to 9.36% (.86% decrease)

CCPS - 11.83% to 10.38% (1.45% decrease)



Bainbridge Elementary was named a Maryland Green School!



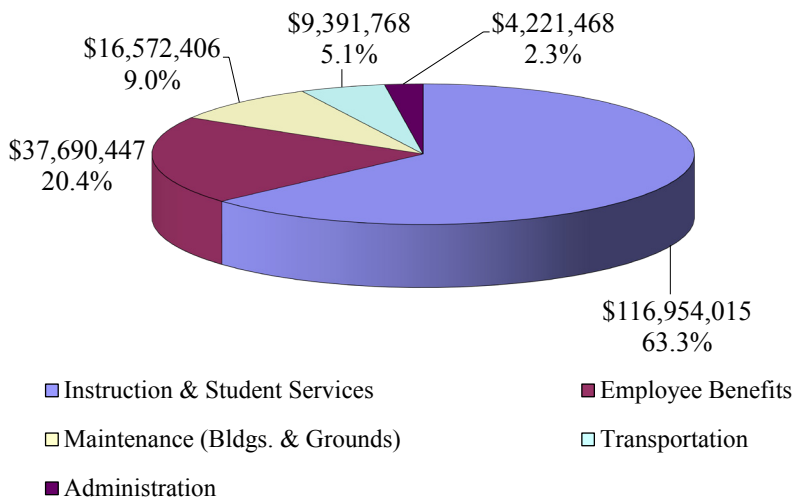
United States Senator Ben Cardin met with members of the Business and Education Partnership Advisory Council (BEPAC) Executive Committee and leadership from Cecil County Public Schools and Cecil College.



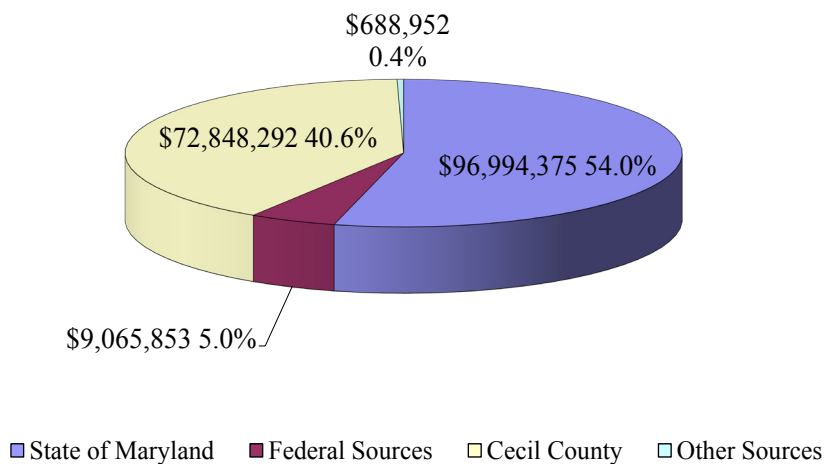
Three Cecil County Public Schools students were recognized by State Comptroller Peter Franchot with the Maryland Masters Award: Celebrating Maryland's Achievements and Innovations through the Arts. Their artwork was displayed in the Comptroller's Annapolis office.

FY'14 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Expenditures



Revenue



Expenditures over revenue \$(5,232,633)
 Fund Balance, beginning 7/1/13 \$12,360,200
 Fund Balance, ending 6/30/14 \$7,127,567



Food & Nutrition Services Report

REVENUE

State of Maryland	\$345,042
Federal Sources	\$4,101,804
Other Sources	\$1,949,318
Total	\$6,396,164

EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditures	\$6,369,623
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Revenue over Expenditures

\$26,542

Fund Balance

beginning 07/01/13	\$32,052
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Fund Balance

ending 6/30/14	\$58,594
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Capital Project Fund

REVENUE

Cecil County	\$4,765,231
State of Maryland	\$2,370,160
Other Sources	\$182,790
Total	\$7,318,181

EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditure	\$7,522,880
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Expenditures over Revenue

\$(204,700)

Fund Balance

beginning 07/01/13	\$47,905
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Fund Balance

ending 6/30/14	\$(156,795)
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OUR FACILITIES



CCPS Acquires Property for Future School of Technology

This photo was taken on October 25, 2013 when Cecil County Public Schools leadership and county officials gathered at the site of the future Cecil County School of Technology at 912 Appleton Road. The gathering marked the official changeover of the property as the Basell sign was replaced by a sign reading *Future Site: Cecil County School of Technology*. The new school will open for students in August 2015.

“This is a day of celebration for Cecil County Public Schools as we officially acquire the 912 Appleton Road site and begin its conversion into a school,” stated Dr. D’Ette Devine, Superintendent of Schools. “The people of Cecil County have shown overwhelming support throughout this process and because of those efforts, we are going to be able to expand the opportunities available to our students. This new school and property will be an important asset to this county and we commend the wisdom of the elected officials and members of this community who had the foresight to recognize its potential.”



In June, school officials announced that Charlestown Elementary School received a Superior ratings from the Maryland School Construction Program following their state inspection. CCPS has received thirty-one “Superior” ratings in the past seventeen years. This is Charlestown’s second Superior rating.

Dr. Devine joined Mayor Dean Geracimos and officials from Cecil County Government and the Town of Chesapeake City for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the completion of the Bohemia Manor Water & Sewer Extension Project.



The renovation of Perryville Elementary School has begun and will continue for the next two years. The extensive project began at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year. Students were temporarily reassigned to either Bainbridge Elementary School or Charlestown Elementary School according to their home address. The newly renovated school will open at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.



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