

COCKFIELD  
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# 2011-2012 Annual Report



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SCHOOLS

## Superintendent's Message



I would like to share with you the 2011-2012 Annual Report which contains important financial information and significant accomplishments of Cecil County Public Schools students and staff. As you will see throughout this publication CCPS continues to excel.

For the fourth consecutive year, Maryland was named the number one public school system in the nation by *Education Week*. This could only have been accomplished through the tireless efforts of those who work daily to provide our children with a high quality education.

Public education remains the “great equalizer” in this nation and as such, all citizens should work to support our students so that they have the opportunities that they deserve. 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



Front Row: Dr. D'Ette Devine, Lauren Camphausen- President (District 2), Donna Zane- Vice President (District 4)  
Back Row: Dawn Branch (District 5), William Manlove (District 1), Wendy Wintersgill (District 3), Chanelle Jones (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.



# HIGHLIGHTS

January Vaughan, teacher at Chesapeake City Elementary, and Danielle Strange, Elk Neck Elementary School, were named 2011 - 2012 Simon McNeely Award recipients by the Maryland Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Mr. Robert Davis, Executive Director for Human Resources, received the Minority Recognition Award for Community Service and Leadership from the Maryland State Education Association.

2012 Bohemia Manor graduate and former Board of Education student member, Douglas (Bryn) Bogan, was selected as one of two Maryland students to attend the United States Senate Youth Program.

Dr. Nelson Fritts, Instructional Coordinator of Fine Arts, was selected as the 2012 Maryland Music Educators Association "Corwin Taylor Music Education Leadership Award" recipient.

Cecil County Public Library, Elkton Middle School, and Gilpin Manor Elementary School received a grant to support their SPARK (Students Progress and Achieve with Reading Kits) Program that gave every 5th and 6th grader in those two schools five books based on their individual identified areas of interest and a timer bookmark for the summer.

Elk Neck Elementary School received the Maryland School of Excellence in Arts Education Award (MSEAEA). The MSEAEA is designed to recognize and honor individual public schools for their excellent arts education programs and for providing a creative learning environment for outstanding student achievement.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada awarded Cecil County Public Schools the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Cecil County Public Schools was one of four school systems nationwide chosen to partner with the Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST) on a renowned teacher professional development program with an \$8,000 grant, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

## Fast Facts

### Schools

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

### Enrollment

Students Enrolled	15,937
Teacher: Student Ratio	
Elementary	1:22
Secondary	1:17

### Personnel

Teachers	1,295
Certificated Administrators & Supervisors	138
Support Staff	740
Total Employees	2,173

### Facilities

Square Footage	2,162,194
Relocatables	57

### Technology

Student: Computer Ratio	3.1
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## PBIS News

Cecil County Public Schools had 14 out of 16 Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) schools receive state recognition for the 2011-2012 school year! Congratulations to the following schools:

Bainbridge Elementary	Bronze
Bay View Elementary	Silver
Bohemia Manor High	Silver
Bohemia Manor Middle	Gold
Calvert Elementary	Gold
Cecil Manor Elementary	Silver
Cherry Hill Middle	Gold
Gilpin Manor Elementary	Bronze
Holly Hall Elementary	Gold
Kenmore Elementary	Silver
North East Middle	Gold
Perryville Middle	Silver
Rising Sun Middle	Gold
Thomson Estates Elementary	Silver



# *Rhonda Holmes-Blankenship*

## MARYLAND TEACHER OF THE YEAR

On March 12, 2012, Rising Sun High School English teacher, Rhonda Holmes-Blankenship was named 2012 Cecil County Teacher of the Year. Rhonda is a 1991 graduate of North East High School, earned her Bachelor of Science in English with a concentration in Secondary Education from Towson University in 1995, and received her Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction from McDaniel College in 2005. In 2010, Rhonda achieved National Board Certification as a first-year candidate.

Rhonda returned to teach in Cecil County in 2001 where she continues to teach at Rising Sun High School. Anne Gellrich, Rising Sun High School principal, stated in Rhonda's nomination letter, "Mrs. Blankenship's drive to be the best teacher for her students is one of those intangible, immeasurable qualities a good teacher has. Each student in her class knows that, to Mrs. Blankenship, their success is the measure of her success."



On October 5, 2012, Rhonda and a crowd of friends, family, colleagues, and school system leadership attended the Maryland State Teacher of the Year Gala held at Martin's West in Baltimore. Just one month earlier, Rhonda was selected as one of seven finalists for the state's top honor. When Maryland Superintendent, Dr. Lillian Lowery, and WJZ 13's Denise Koch took the stage to announce the winner, the hopeful anticipation was palpable. It was a great moment for CCPS when Dr. Lowery opened the envelope and announced that Rhonda was the 2013 Maryland Teacher of the Year. When Rhonda finally made her way to the stage to give her acceptance speech, it was clear to all of those in attendance that she was most deserved of this great honor.

Throughout the next year, Rhonda will represent Maryland in the National Teacher of the Year competition and will serve as a spokesperson and representative for Maryland educators. Cecil County Public Schools is proud to have Rhonda also represent our great county as she travels the nation serving in this highly regarded role.



# CCPS Sets State Facility Maintenance Record

This year CCPS received the news that all five Cecil County schools that were state-inspected last year had received Superior ratings from the Maryland School Construction Program. Calvert Elementary, Cecil Manor Elementary, Cherry Hill Middle, Elkton High and Perryville High Schools all earned the top ranking when their buildings were inspected for facility maintenance and cleanliness. This is a new state record. Moreover, CCPS has received twenty-five "Superior" ratings in the past fifteen years.

Past award recipients are Cherry Hill Middle, Bohemia Manor Middle, Rising Sun Middle, Calvert Elementary, Cecil Manor Elementary, Cecilton Elementary, Kenmore Elementary, North East Elementary, Bay View Elementary, Rising Sun High School, Bainbridge Elementary, Conowingo Elementary, Rising Sun Elementary, Elkton Middle, Charlestown Elementary, Leeds Elementary, Holly Hall Elementary, and Perryville Middle Schools. Cecilton Elementary, North East Elementary, Calvert Elementary, Cecil Manor Elementary, and Cherry Hill Middle Schools have all received two Superior ratings. We would like to commend all of our schools for their efforts.



*Calvert Elementary School*

*Cherry Hill Middle School*



*Cecil Manor Elementary School*

*Elkton High School*



*Perryville High School*

## State Board Member Visits CCPS



*Left to Right: Mr. Vincent Cariello, Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services; Dr. Carolyn Teigland, Associate Superintendent for Education Services; Ms. Madhu Sidhu, Maryland Board of Education member; Dr. D'Ette Devine, Superintendent of Schools*

In May, CCPS hosted Maryland State Board of Education member, Madhu Sidhu. Dr. Devine and Ms. Sidhu visited the Cecil County School of Technology, Elkton High School, and the Carver Center.

"We were very pleased that Ms. Sidhu chose to visit Cecil County," stated Dr. Devine. "We enjoyed the opportunity to tour the School of Technology and showcase our programs there while emphasizing the need for a new facility that is conducive to meeting the career and technology needs of more students. While at Elkton High School we were able to showcase the recently renovated facility in addition to our fine arts program of offerings."

## Maryland School Assessments- Elementary School

\*9 elementary schools posted All Time Bests for the percent of students scoring proficient in MSA Reading.

\*9 elementary schools posted All Time Bests for the percent of students scoring advanced in MSA Reading.

\*9 of our elementary schools had greater than 90% of their students proficient in MSA Reading.

\*10 elementary schools posted All Time Bests for the percent of students scoring proficient in MSA Math.

\*14 elementary schools posted All Time Bests for the percent of students scoring advanced in MSA Math.

\*8 of our elementary schools had greater than 90% of their students proficient in MSA Math.



## Maryland School Assessments- Middle School

\*1 middle school posted an All Time Best for the percent of students proficient in MSA Reading.

\*All 6 middle schools posted All Time Bests for the percent of students proficient in MSA Math.



## High School Cohort Graduation

\*The 4 Year Cohort Graduation Rate for Cecil County has increased steadily since we moved to this new way of calculating high school graduation.

2009- 76.66%

2010- 80.46%

2011- 83.17%

\*In 2012 The State of Maryland reported that 90.1%



of students met graduation requirements by completing the High School Assessment exam. In Cecil County 96.6% of students met graduation requirements by Exam. Only 3.4% of our students needed to complete Bridge Projects as compared to the 9.7% state-wide.

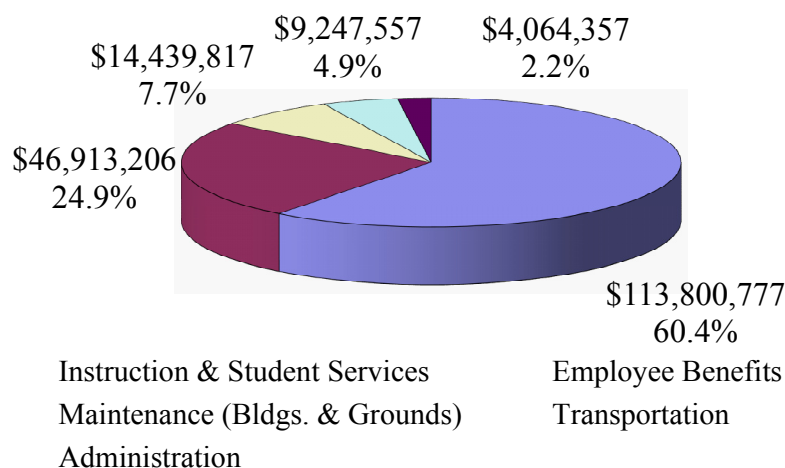


\*For the 4th year in a row CCPS issued zero waivers to the HSA requirement.



# FY'12 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Expenditures



## Food & Nutrition Services Report

### REVENUE

State of Maryland	\$282,936
Federal Sources	\$3,682,231
Other Sources	\$2,275,077
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,240,244</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditures	\$6,308,067
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### Revenue over Expenditures

(\$67,823)

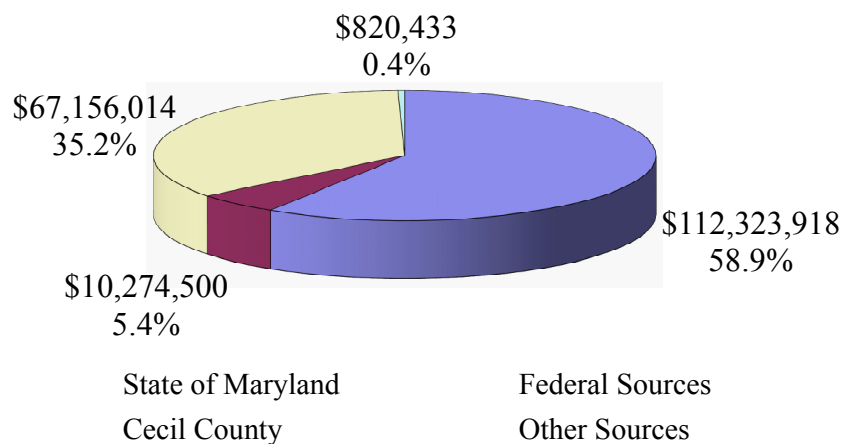
### Fund Balance

beginning 07/01/11	\$328,060
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### Fund Balance

ending 6/30/12	\$260,237
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## Revenue



## Capital Project Fund

### REVENUE

Cecil County	\$2,205,920
State of Maryland	\$2,450,615
Other Sources	\$91,308
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,747,843</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditure	\$4,747,639
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### Revenue over Expenditures

\$204

### Fund Balance

beginning 07/01/11	\$47,644
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### Fund Balance

ending 6/30/12	\$47,848
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Revenue over expenditures	\$2,109,151
Fund Balance, beginning 7/1/11	\$12,854,388
Fund Balance, ending 6/30/12	\$14,963,539





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