

# CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## *Annual Report*



Continuous  
Improvement:  
Everyone.  
Every Way.  
Every Day.

*2010  
-  
2011*

## Superintendent's Message

I would like to share with you the 2010-2011 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, the State of Maryland and Cecil County Public Schools had an exceptional year. For the third 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. In addition, a national study recognized Cecil County Public Schools as one of the top public school systems in the state for the return on investment dollars which is further explained on page #. We concluded the school year with the graduation of our first class of Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Academy students. We are very proud of these students for such an outstanding achievement and look forward to the continuing success of that program in all five high schools.

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 public education in this county. Students

remain at the forefront of each decision we make, and, now more than ever, we must endeavor to prepare them to succeed in a highly competitive global economy. As a community and school system it remains our responsibility to provide learning opportunities and experiences for all of our students. Together we can accomplish such a goal.

Sincerely,

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



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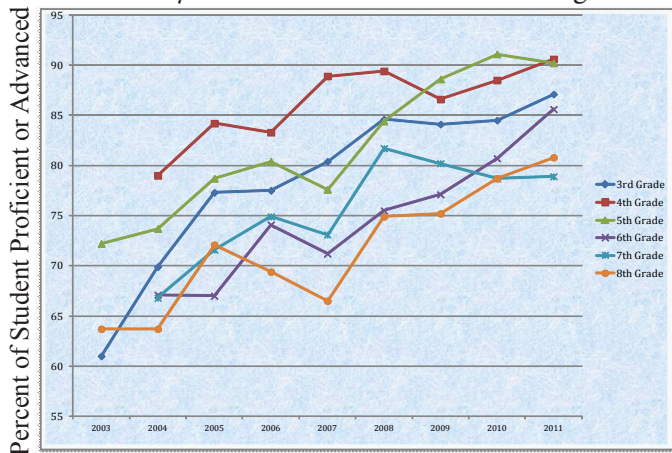


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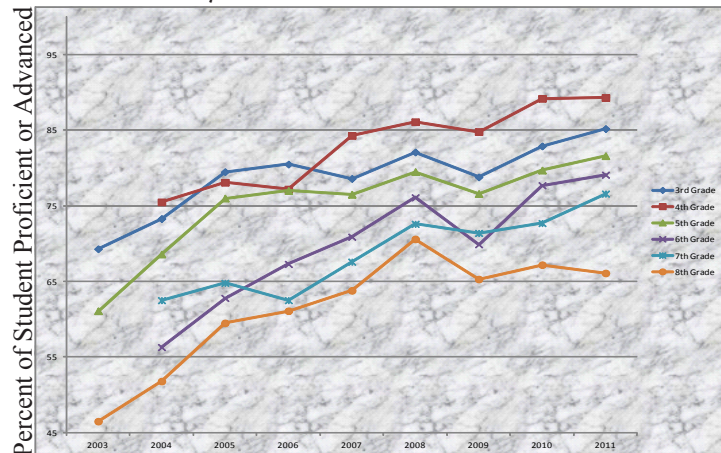


# TESTING NEWS

## Maryland State Assessments: Reading



## Maryland School Assessments: Math



## Testing News to Celebrate!

### Maryland State Assessments

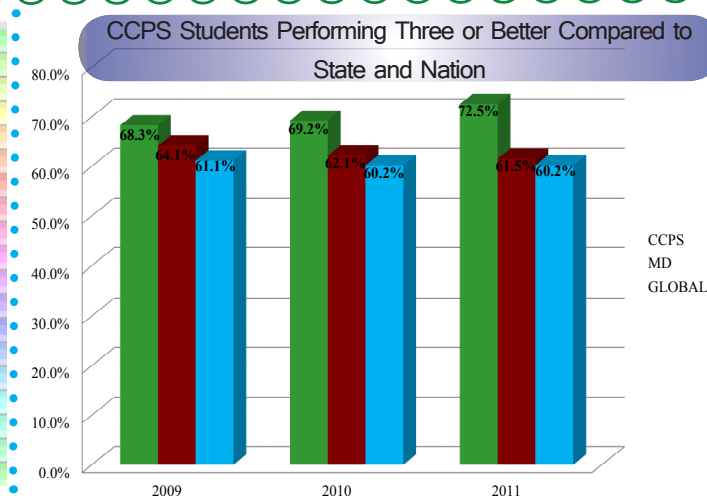
- Since 2003: Elementary reading scores increased 16.8%  
Elementary math scores increased 13.5%.
- Middle school reading scores increased 17.1%  
Middle School math scores increased 20.7%

- Ten schools received all-time-best scores in reading.
- Twelve schools received all-time-best scores in math.

### Advanced Placement Exams

- CCPS showed an increase in the number of exams completed and the number of exams that received a score of 3 or higher.
- For the past 3 years, CCPS has outranked both the Maryland and Global average for the number of exams scoring a 3 or higher.

### CCPS Students Performing Three or Better Compared to State and Nation



## 2010-2011 Highlights

- Students in the Class of 2011 reported that a total of \$11,140,874 in scholarships (merit, athletic, and academic) were offered to them.
- Tatiana Flores of TEES was named the CCPS Outstanding Safety Patroller by the AAA Mid-Atlantic Foundation.
- Dr. C. Nelson Fritts, Instructional Coordinator of Fine Arts was selected as the 2011 AEMS Alliance Arts Education Advocate of the Year by the Arts Education in Maryland Schools (AEMS) Alliance.
- Through energy conservation efforts, CCPS saved 2.5 million kilowatt hours of electricity, which saved 3.75 million pounds of carbon dioxide from being emitted into the atmosphere.
- The Cecil County's Judy Center Partnership was recognized by MSDE in collaboration with the Judith P. Hoyer Foundation with the Most Improved Partnership Award.
- Katie Hendrix, student at PHS, was accepted into the MENC (Music Educators National Conference) All National Honor Chorus.
- Laura Safrit, teacher at RSHS, was named ProStart Teacher of the Year.
- Walter Price was selected as the Groundskeeper of the Year by the Maryland State Association of Baseball Coaches.
- Maryland was named the number one public school system in the nation by Education Week for the third consecutive year.

## Cecil County Teacher of the Year:

*Rhonda Parsons*



Each spring, Cecil County Public Schools selects a Teacher of the Year. This teacher then goes on to compete in the Maryland State Teacher of the Year process. Cecil County Public Schools is proud to be represented by Rhonda Parsons, 2011 Cecil County Teacher of the Year and Maryland State Teacher of the Year Finalist!

This Elkton Middle School media specialist is an U.S. Air Force veteran, National Board candidate, information specialist, and program administrator who teaches inquiry skills to students in grades six through eight, across all content areas. She created her school's first film class and serves on the public



library's Film Festival committee. She creates county curriculum, provides school and county professional development, reviews books, and mentors college students. She earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Management/Human Resources from Park College and in Education from Austin Peay University and a Master of Science degree in Instructional Technology from Towson University.

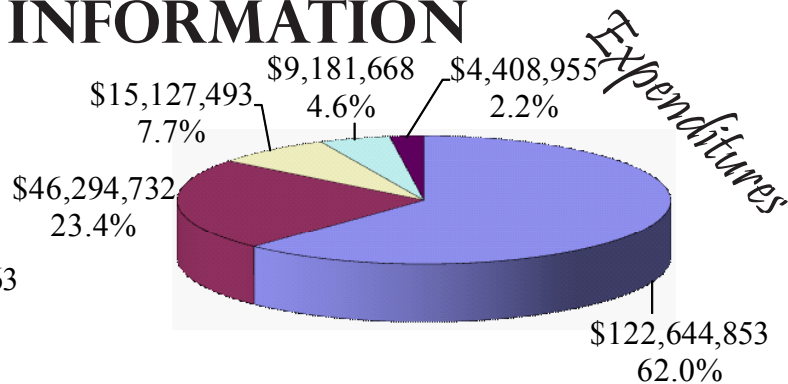
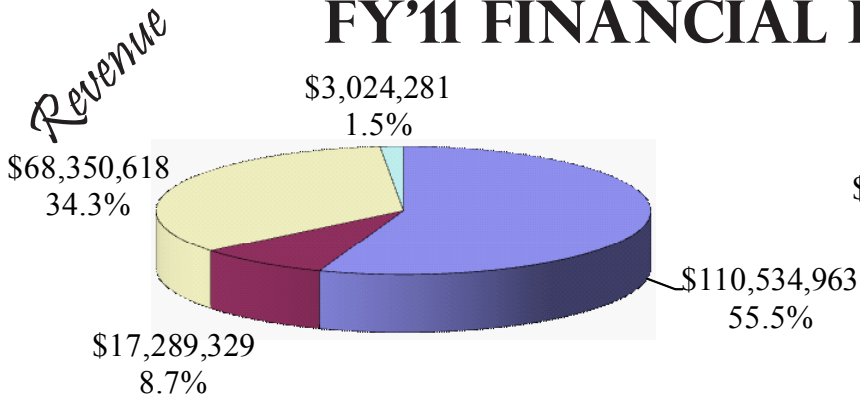


## CCPS LAUNCHES ONLINE VISITOR CENTER

In an effort to reach out to families who are new or relocating to a school in Cecil County, CCPS created the Online Visitor Center: [www.allaboutccps.com](http://www.allaboutccps.com). This website provides answers to commonly asked questions about our schools, how to enroll, which school a child will attend, and other services and programs offered by the school system. To learn more, visit the Online Visitor Center at:

**[www.allaboutccps.com](http://www.allaboutccps.com)**

# FY'11 FINANCIAL INFORMATION



State of Maryland  
Cecil County

Federal Sources  
Other Sources

Instruction & Student Services  
Maintenance (Bldgs. & Grounds)  
Administration  
Employee Benefits  
Transportation

## Food & Nutrition Services Report

### REVENUE

State of Maryland	\$263,863
Federal Sources	\$3,493,853
Other Sources	\$2,501,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,259,466</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditure	\$6,221,655
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Revenue over Expenditures	\$37,811
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Fund Balance beginning 07/01/10	\$290,249
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Fund Balance ending 6/30/11	\$328,060
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## Capital Project Fund

### REVENUE

Cecil County	\$4,269,267
State of Maryland	\$245,688
Other Sources	\$98,603
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,613,558</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditure	\$4,613,477
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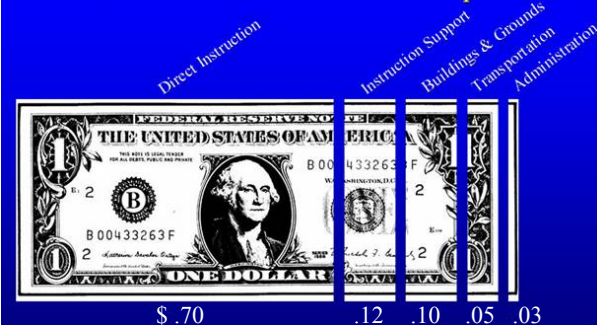
Revenue over Expenditures	\$81
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Fund Balance beginning 07/01/10	\$47,563
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Fund Balance ending 6/30/11	\$47,644
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Revenue over expenditures	\$1,541,490
Fund Balance, beginning 7/1/10	\$11,312,893
Fund Balance, ending 6/30/11	\$12,854,383

## How is the Education Dollar Spent?





## Calvert Elementary School: Project Complete!



The Calvert Elementary School construction/renovation project celebrated final completion at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. The project was celebrated at a rededication ceremony at the end of September. The ceremony was attended by Dr. Bernard Sadusky, State Superintendent of Schools and

many other local dignitaries and guests.

The school has a history dating back to the early 1700's when William Penn set aside the acreage for education. This particular building, however, began original construction in 1980. The latest renovation project began in 2008.



## Cecil Schools Receive High Marks in National Study



The Center for American Progress has ranked Cecil County as one of the top Maryland counties in its recent nationwide study, *Return on Educational Investment: A District-by-District Evaluation of U.S. Educational Productivity*. The study rated school systems on how much academic achievement they get for each dollar spent as compared to other districts in their state. Cecil County Public Schools ranked sixth when measured against the other twenty-three school systems. In addition, the study created a second set of data which they referred to as "adjusted return on investment" that accounts for variables outside of a school system's control such as the education of low-income, special needs, or non-English speaking students. Cecil County ranked third among Maryland counties in this data set.



## Schools Earn "Superior" Facility Rating

Cecil County Public Schools is pleased to announce that Perryville Middle and North East Elementary Schools received "Superior" ratings from the Maryland Public School Construction Program regarding their facility's appearance and cleanliness. CCPS has received twenty "Superior" ratings in the past fourteen years. Past award recipients were 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 Cecilton Elementary School.

# *SCHOOL SYSTEM FUNDING*

## HOW LOCAL TAXES AND STATE FUNDS HELP

Cecil County Public Schools, like all school systems in Maryland, is fiscally dependent. This means that the school system has no direct taxing authority. All revenues necessary to prepare schools for students, pay our teachers and employees, and purchase the supplies and services to deliver instructional services to each of our students are received

from Cecil County government, the State of Maryland, and the federal government. Miscellaneous revenues are received from other sources, such as investment earnings, nonresident and summer school tuitions, and rental facilities.

The State of Maryland revenue represented 55.5 percent of FY '11 revenue. These funds included the foundation funding formula, transportation and special education formulas, and maintenance of schools. In addition, the state's contribution to the State Retirement and Pension System for eligible employees is reflected in this revenue.

In FY '11, 8.7 percent of revenue was received from the federal government in the form of grants targeted for use in specific areas. The major federal revenue received in FY'11 included: Title I, Title II Teacher Quality, Special Education, Perkins Vocational and Technical Education, Safe and Drug-Free Schools, and Technology Literacy.

Other revenue sources included investment earnings, nonresident and summer school tuition, insurance recoveries, etc., and represented 1.5 percent of total revenues.

Cecil County government's appropriation to the school system was 34.3 percent of the school system's receipts. This funding was provided to the school system from the local government's tax revenues that included two primary sources- property tax and income tax.

The Business and Education Partnership Advisory Council (BEPAC) is a 501c(3) organization in partnership with the Cecil County Public Schools. BEPAC members serve on advisory committees, participate in the speaker's bureau, and most recently provided engineering expertise as mentors for the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) pre-engineering capstone projects. The students in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Academies have been provided several opportunities to tour science and technology firms for a first hand look at their future careers. Through business and school interaction, students learn about job market needs and the skills necessary to be successful in the 21st Century workforce. BEPAC continues to collaborate with the Maryland Business Roundtable in providing classroom lessons that emphasize to students that "...what they do in school matters."



BEPAC welcomed eight new members and recognized five new school business partners. The 65 members have pledged continued support in expanding school partnerships, retention and recognition of teachers, mentors for the middle school AIM High dropout prevention program, middle school career exploration, advisors for all Career and Technology Education (CTE) and STEM programs.

The BEPAC membership meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the Board Room at the Carver Education Leadership Center, 7:30-9:00 a.m. Meetings are open to the public. For additional information please visit the BEPAC website at [www.bepac.org](http://www.bepac.org) or call the BEPAC Office at 410.996.5453.

## 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.

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## 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	1,326
Certificated Administrators & Supervisors	150
Support Staff	790
Total Employees	2,266

### Facilities

Square Footage	2,162,194
Relocatables	57

### Technology

Student: Computer Ratio	3.1
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The Annual Report is produced for the stakeholders of Cecil County by the Public Information Office for Cecil County Public Schools. Please direct related correspondence to Kelly Keeton, Assistant in Administration, Cecil County Public Schools, 201 Booth Street, Elkton, MD 21921, e-mail: [kkeeton@ccps.org](mailto:kkeeton@ccps.org) or call 410-996-5474. Copies of the audited financial statements are available for review at the CCPS George Washington Carver Education Leadership Center.



