

CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Annual Report
2009-2010



*Continuous
Improvement.
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Every Way.
Every Day.*





Superintendent's Message

-Dr. D'Ette W. Devine

It is my privilege to share with you the Annual Report for the 2009-2010 school year. Even though the main goal of this publication is to share the school system's financial information, we like to additionally use this publication to share important news and achievements from the past school year.

At the conclusion of the 2009-2010 school year, I was appointed by the Board of Education to serve as Superintendent of Schools. As a graduate of Elkton High School and a Cecil County Public School employee of over thirty years, it is truly a privilege to lead our great school system in a state known for educational excellence. For the second consecutive year Maryland was named by *Education Week* as the nation's top school system. This achievement is possible because of the commitment to education that is exhibited by the hardworking teachers, administrators, and support staff that are employed throughout the state and particularly in CCPS. In addition, Maryland was awarded a Race to the Top grant in which we will share a small part. We are currently working with the Maryland State Department of Education to establish a plan to meet the requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the employees of Cecil County Public Schools, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the students of this county. We should all be proud of the great things that these young people and our school system achieve on a daily basis. Each time I visit a school my hopes for our county's future are reaffirmed because I recognize the outstanding potential of each child. I wish you a happy and successful new year.

BOARD OF EDUCATION



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DISTRICT 5

Cecil County Elects New Board Members; Sopa and Gerhart Retire

This November, Cecil County voters elected Board of Education members from three districts. Ms. Christine Sopa and Ms. Kirsten Gerhart, outgoing Board members, each decided to retire after serving as two of the county's first elected Board of Education members. Ms. Sopa was elected to the Board in 2006 and served as Board president from 2008 through 2010. Ms. Gerhart has served as the fifth district representative since her election in 2006 and served as Vice President of the Board from 2008 through 2010..

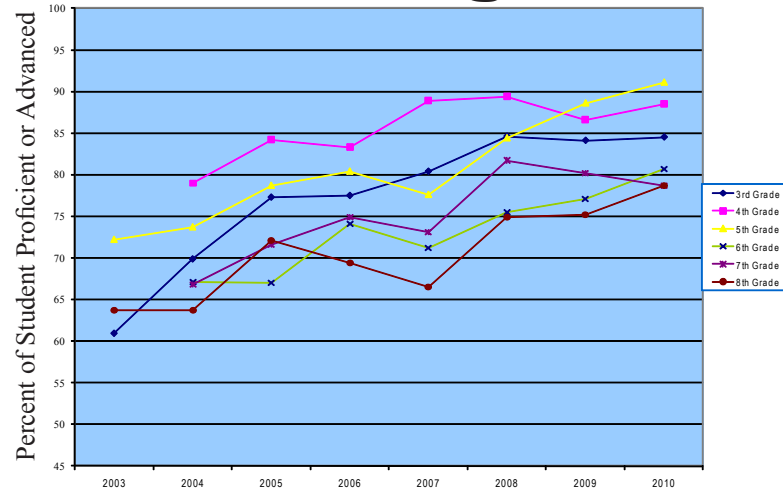
The Board's newest members are Ms. Dawn Branch and Ms. Wendy Wintersgill, who were elected in Cecil County's third Board of Education election. Ms. Donna Zane won the county's first Board of Education re-election in 2010 after serving a four year term as one of the county's first elected Board members.

Wendy Wintersgill
DISTRICT 3

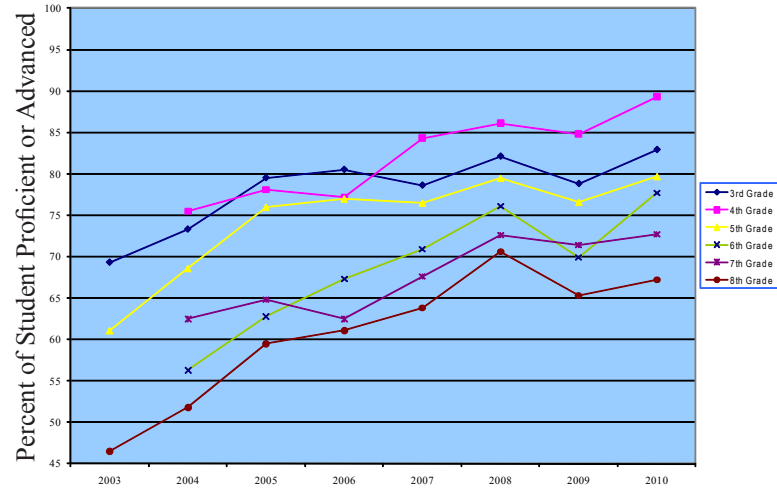
New Board Members

Maryland School Assessment

Reading



Math



Testing News to Celebrate!

- All Time Best math scores were achieved in grades 3-7 and grade 8 scores improved on the Maryland School Assessment (MSA).
- Grades 5, 6, and 8 reached All Time Best scores on the reading portion of the test with an increase in scores seen in grades 3 and 4.
- 100% of seniors who fulfilled all other academic requirements for graduation met the High School Assessment (HSA) requirements for the second consecutive year.
- Three out of five high schools experienced a decrease in dropout rates between 2009 and 2010 resulting in a decline for the county from 3.49 to 3.4.

What is "AYP"?

- In accordance with the No Child Left Behind legislation of 2001, the reading and math performance of students in grades 3-8, Algebra, and 10th grade English is measured and reported annually. Schools across the entire country work toward achieving the federal target of 100% of students proficient in these subjects by the year 2014. Annual benchmarks are set by each state providing a standard against which schools and school districts must make Adequate Yearly Progress, known in all schools as "AYP."

Cecil County Teacher of the Year:

Nicole Morris-Stauffer

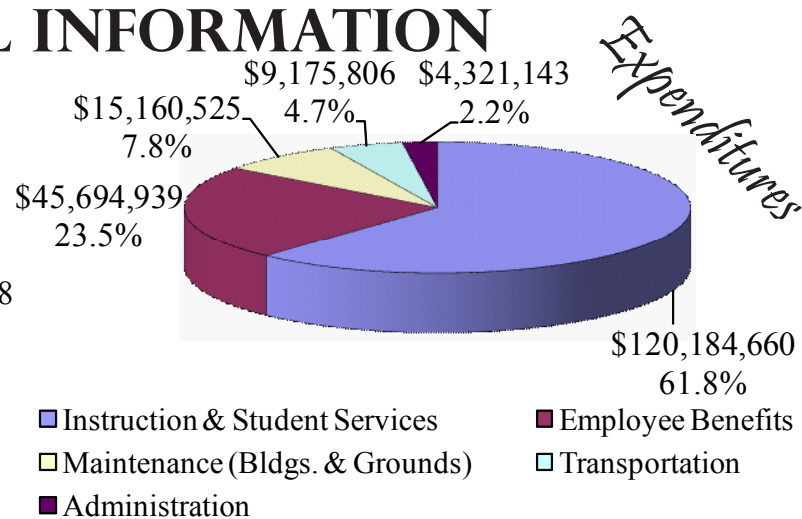
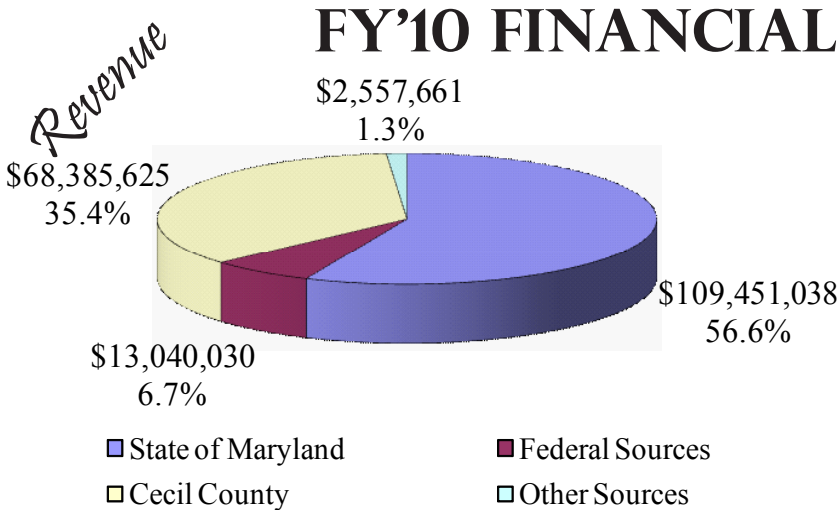
Each spring, Cecil County Public Schools selects a Teacher of the Year. This teacher then goes on to compete in the Maryland State Teacher of the Year process. Cecil County Public Schools is proud to be represented by Mrs. Nicole Morris-Stauffer, 2010 Cecil County Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Morris-Stauffer is currently in her twelfth year of teaching. She teaches fourth grade at Leeds Elementary School.



2009-2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Walter Price was selected as the Groundskeeper of the Year by the Maryland State Association of Baseball Coaches.
- Emily Caldarelli, student at Thomson Estates Elementary, was named a 2010 Outstanding School Safety Patrol Award Recipient.
- Perryville Middle School was named a 2010 Maryland Green School/Center Award winner.
- Tara Price, a parent at Bay View Elementary School was named Cecil County's Comcast Parent Involvement Matters Award Semifinalist.
- Jennifer Stanley, Challenge Resource Teacher at Bay View Elementary and Elk Neck Elementary and Rosalind Battee, Challenge Resource Teacher at Rising Sun Elementary were named as Teacher Leaders in Gifted and Talented Education.
- Cindy Henderson of Rising Sun Middle School was named Eastern District Health Education Teacher of the Year.
- Sgt. Scott Adams of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office and School Resource Officer was named Maryland Sheriff's Deputy of the Year by the Maryland Sheriff's Association.
- North East High School received Certified Peer Program status from the National Association of Peer Program Professionals (NAPPP).

FY'10 FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Food & Nutrition Services Report

REVENUE

State of Maryland	\$253,811
Federal Sources	\$3,193,011
Other Sources	\$2,657,811
Total	\$6,104,633

EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditure	\$5,964,795
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Revenue over Expenditures

\$139,838

Fund Balance

beginning 07/01/09	\$150,411
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Fund Balance

ending 6/30/10	\$290,249
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Capital Project Fund

REVENUE

Cecil County	\$6,505,831
State of Maryland	\$3,670,655
Other Sources	\$221,482
Total	\$10,397,968

EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditure	\$10,397,865
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Revenue over Expenditures

\$103

Fund Balance

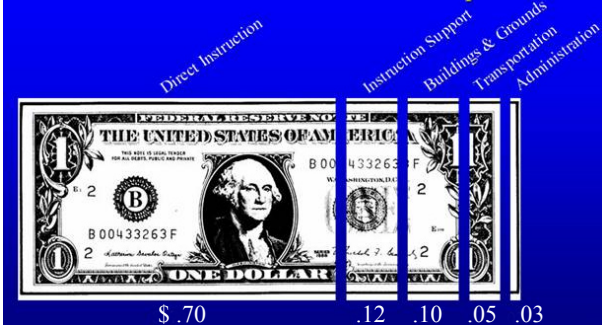
beginning 07/01/09	\$47,460
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Fund Balance

ending 6/30/10	\$47,563
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Expenditures over Revenue	(\$1,102,719)
Fund Balance, beginning 7/1/09	\$12,415,612
Fund Balance, ending 6/20/10	\$11,312,893

How is the Education Dollar Spent?



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS & FACILITY UPDATES



Calvert Elementary School

Construction is nearing completion at Calvert Elementary. All K-5 classrooms have been completed and are in use. The new office and lobby provide better security to the building. The final phase of construction includes a new media center and art room, as well as other support spaces. Work in the building will be complete in January 2011. Remaining site work will be completed in the spring of 2011.

Leeds Elementary School

An HVAC project was completed at the school which improved temperature and humidity control throughout the building. This project also added air conditioning to corridors which did not previously have it. Ceilings were replaced through much of the school and new lighting was provided in classrooms and the media center. Additionally, ADA accessible restrooms and an expanded health suite were completed as part of this project.

Elkton High School Stadium

A rededication of the Elkton High School Stadium was held at the first home football game of the 2010 school year. This event celebrated upgrades which included new bleachers and a press box, renovations to the existing field house, and an addition of a new building for public restrooms and a visiting team locker room.



Schools Earn "Superior" Facility Rating

Cecil County Public Schools is pleased to announce that Cecilton, Holly Hall, and Leeds Elementary Schools received a "Superior" rating from the Maryland Public School Construction Program regarding their facility's appearance and cleanliness. CCPS has received eighteen "Superior" ratings in the past thirteen 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, and Charlestown 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 56.6 percent of FY '10 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 '10, 6.7 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'10 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 1.3 percent of total revenues.

Cecil County government's appropriation to the school system was 35.4 percent of the school system's receipts and represents 42 percent of the county's total operating expenditures for FY'10. 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 and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Academy student capstone projects, and 5th grade Science, Mathematics, Imagination, Learning, Event (SMILE) at Gilpin Manor Elementary. The junior and senior students in the STEM Academies rallied around the 53 scientists, engineers and college representatives during our first ever STEM Rally Mentor Mixer. 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" and will continue support with the new initiative STEM.Net. BEPAC welcomed seven new members and recognized five new school business partners. The 72 members have pledged continued support in expanding school partnerships, retention and recognition of teachers, mentors for the middle school AIM High program, middle school career exploration, advisors for all Career and Technology Education (CTE) and STEM programs.

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 or call the BEPAC Office at 410.996.5453

The logo for the Business and Education Partnership Advisory Council (BEPAC) features the acronym "BEPAC" in a bold, blue, serif font. The letters are set against a bright yellow rectangular background. To the left of the yellow rectangle, there are several small, blue, pixelated squares arranged in a horizontal line, resembling a digital or mosaic effect.

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
Secondary Alternative Education Program at Providence	1

Enrollment

Students Enrolled	16,209
Teacher: Student Ratio	
Elementary	1:22
Secondary	1:17

Personnel

Teachers	1,329
Certificated Administrators & Supervisors	118
Support Staff	798
Total Employees	2,276

Facilities

Square Footage	2,162,194
Relocatables	57

Technology

Student: Computer Ratio	3.1
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