

CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Annual Report 2008-2009




Continuous
Improvement:
Everyone.
Every Way.
Every Day.



Superintendent's Message

-Henry A. Shaffer



It is my privilege to once again share with you the Cecil County Public Schools' Annual Report. Each year this publication is produced to share the school system's financial information and summarize some of the important

events and news from the prior school year.

In these challenging economic times the school system has worked hard to ensure that each dollar is spent in the most effective and efficient manner possible. The process for the distribution of this year's annual report is just one example of how we are working to not only cut costs, but to make more environmentally sound choices. This year we developed a plan to cut printing costs *and* the number of printed copies while still giving citizens access to this important publication. This year's annual report can be found at www.ccps.org with additional printed copies located at the Cecil County Public Schools Central Office, the Cecil County Government Administrative Office Building, Cecil County libraries, and each of the municipal offices.

On the academic front, 2008-2009 was a banner year for public education in the state of Maryland. Maryland was named the #1 school system in the nation. In Cecil County, all of our seniors slated for graduation passed the High School Assessments and all of our high schools made Adequate Yearly Progress. The students, staff, and administration are to be commended for their hard work in these efforts.

In spring of 2009, we celebrated the completion of the decade-long Elkton High School renovation project with a rededication ceremony that was attended by staff, students, alumni, elected officials, and community members. The planning work for the stadium renovation project is complete and work is expected to begin in 2010. In other Capital Improvement news, the Calvert Elementary School renovation is progressing steadily with an estimated completion date of 2010.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the employees of Cecil County Public Schools, thank you for your continued support of each student that sits in a classroom in any one of our thirty schools. I wish you a happy and successful new year.

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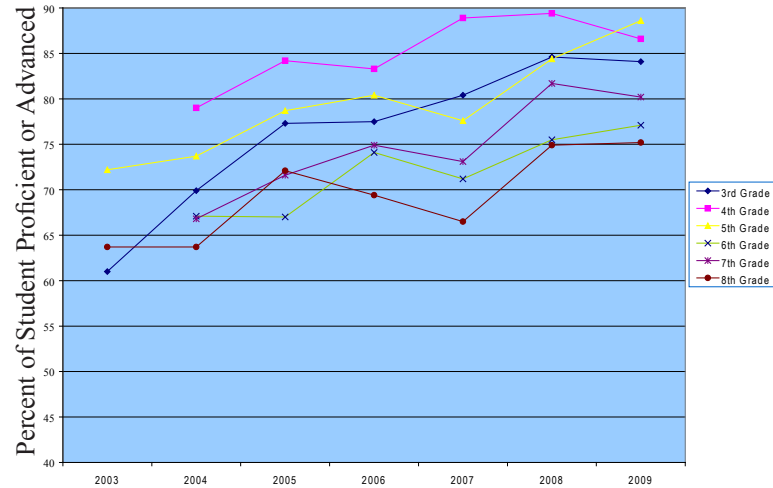
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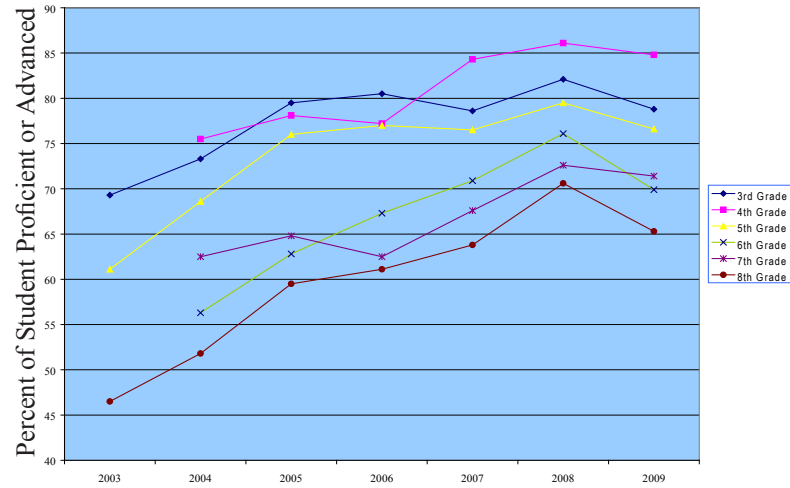
Megan Byrne
Student Member

Maryland School Assessment

Reading



Math



Testing News to Celebrate!

- 15 schools achieved a combined total of 19 All Time Best scores on the Maryland School Assessment (MSA): 10 elementary and 2 middle schools in the area of reading, and 6 elementary and 1 middle school in math.
- Cecil County as a whole reached a MSA All Time Best in reading, including a 92.9% proficiency in grade 5.
- Grade 3 reading, grade 4 math and reading, and grade 7 reading showed increases in their percentage of students reaching “advanced” proficiency on the MSA.
- 100% of seniors who fulfilled all other academic requirements for graduation met the High School Assessment (HSA) requirements.
- All Cecil County high schools achieved Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

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:

Margaret Rees Lenhoff

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. Margaret Rees “Cathie” Lenhoff, 2009 Cecil County Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Lenhoff is currently in her thirty-sixth year of teaching. She has spent her entire career teaching the German language at Elkton High School.

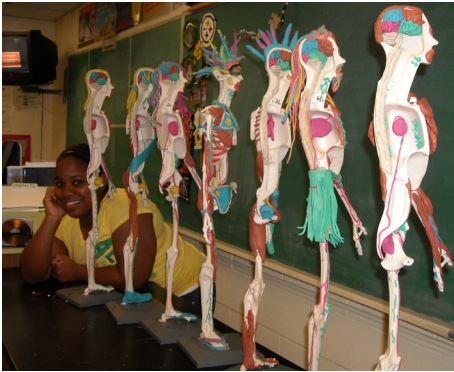


IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

*Perryville High School
Biomedical Program*

This popular Career & Technology program of study through Project Lead the Way (PLTW), offered only at Perryville High School, currently consists of four courses that study the growing field of biomedical sciences through “hands-on” projects and research. The four courses, Principles of the Biomedical Sciences, Human Body Systems, Medical Intervention and Biomedical Research (added for the 2010-2011

school year), each offer students the chance to explore topics such as human physiology, medicine and medical interventions, research, and various areas of engineering. Students who earn a grade of “B” or better in these four courses will earn college credit.



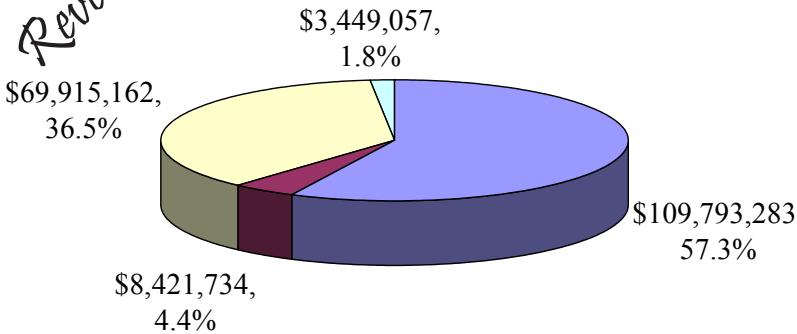
2008-2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- 2008-2009 Athletic State Champions:
 - BMHS Girls' Cross Country State Class 1A
 - BMHS Boys' Cross County State Class 1A
 - Jenn Cleary, BMHS, 1A State Champ, 1600 and 3200 meter run
 - Luke Arbuckle, EHS, 2A State Champ, 1600 and 3200 meter run
 - Morgan Ostasewski, NEHS, 2A State Champ, shot put
 - BMHS Boys Baseball, 1A State Champs
- Conowingo Elementary School was awarded Maryland Green School Status.
- Kelli Roy of Kenmore Elementary was selected by the Maryland Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD) Honors & Awards Committee as the 2008-2009 Simon McNeely recipient for outstanding teaching and service in dance, health and physical education.
- Kimberly Dyar of Rising Sun Middle School was selected as Maryland's Mae I. Graham award winner, given each year to the top middle school media specialist in the state.
- 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.
- Kathy Kunda, Business and Education Advisory Council Coordinator, was named Cecil County Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year.

FY'09 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

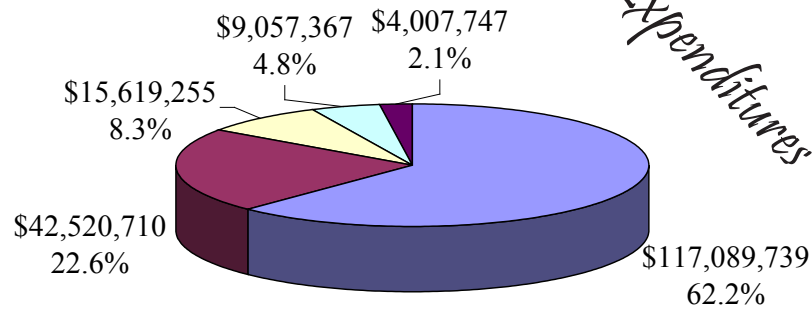
Revenue

Expenditures



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	\$241,016
Federal Sources	\$2,772,524
Other Sources	\$2,930,189
Total	\$5,943,729

EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditure	\$5,734,453
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Revenue over Expenditures

\$209,276

Fund Balance

beginning 07/01/08 (\$58,865)

Fund Balance

ending 6/30/09 \$150,411

Capital Project Fund

REVENUE

Cecil County	\$10,761,236
State of Maryland	\$3,693,342
Other Sources	\$63,882
Total	\$14,518,460

EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditure	\$14,511,074
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Revenue over Expenditures

\$7,386

Fund Balance

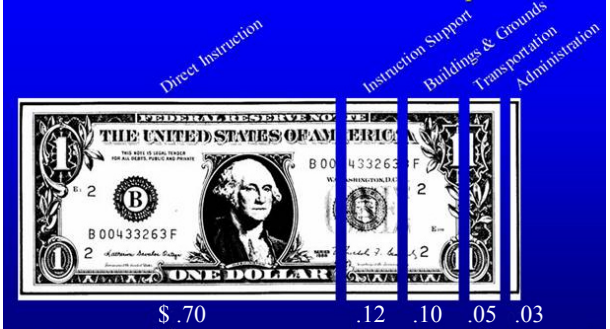
beginning 07/01/08 \$40,074

Fund Balance

ending 6/30/09 \$47,460

Revenue over Expenditures	\$3,284,418
Fund Balance, beginning 7/1/07	\$9,131,194
Fund Balance, ending 6/20/08	\$12,415,612

How is the Education Dollar Spent?



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS & FACILITY UPDATES

Calvert Elementary School

Construction continues at Calvert Elementary. The gym addition has been completed which also gives the school a new stage, music and ensemble room. A new parking lot and bus loop have been added. The school's heating and cooling will come from the new geothermal field, which consists of 140 wells each at 325 feet deep. The new classroom addition will be completed in February, 2010, and the remainder of the school will be completed by December, 2010.

Perryville High School

Systemic renovations have been completed, replacing the HVAC system throughout the school and replacing the roof. A state-funded Aging Schools Project was also completed providing upgrades to the theatre sound and lighting systems.

Leeds Elementary School

An HVAC replacement project was approved, designed and bid. Work will commence early in 2010.

Elkton High School Stadium

With the completion of the high school renovation and addition project, the school and community felt strongly that upgrades to the stadium were necessary prior to calling the school complete. This project will retrofit the stadium bleachers, renovate the field house and add adequate public restroom facilities for large events. This project has been bid and work will take place during the spring of 2010.

Charlestown Elementary Earns "Superior" Facility Rating

Cecil County Public Schools is pleased to announce that Charlestown Elementary School received a "Superior" rating from the Maryland Public School Construction Program regarding their facility's appearance and cleanliness. CCPS has received fifteen "Superior" ratings in the past eleven 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, and Elkton Middle 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 57.3 percent of FY '09 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 '09, 4.3 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'09 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 1.8 percent of total revenues.

Cecil County government's appropriation to the school system was 36.5 percent of the school system's receipts and represents 41 percent of the county's total operating expenditures for FY'09. 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 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 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
Secondary Alternative Education Program at Providence	1

Enrollment

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

Personnel

Teachers	1,343
Certificated Administrators & Supervisors	152
Support Staff	828
Total Employees	2,323

Facilities

Square Footage	2,162,194
Relocatables	57

Technology

Student: Computer Ratio	3.2
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