

## 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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# Cecil County Public Schools ANNUAL REPORT

2007-2008



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# Superintendent's Message

-Henry A. Shaffer

It is my privilege to share with you the 2007-2008 Cecil County Public Schools Annual Report. Required by law, this report provides an overview of school system finances. Additionally, this publication gives us the opportunity to share some of the great things that have happened in our schools during the past school year.

The 2007-2008 school year was a year of commendable academic success. As you will see in this report, our students are continuing towards 100% proficiency on the various areas of the Maryland School Assessments (MSA) and are also posting impressive scores on the High School Assessments (HSA). While we still have work to do, our teachers and students should be commended for the gains we have seen thus far.

Progress was also made over the past year in the area of capital improvement. The completion of the Perryville Middle School renovation was celebrated this spring and the finishing touches were made after a lengthy renovation to Elkton High School. We are also very excited about the progression of the plans for Cecil Technical High School.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the 2,323 employees of the Cecil County Public School System, I thank you for your continued support of the 16,300 students of this county and wish you a happy and successful new year.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

					
Lisa Koch President DISTRICT 1	Christine Sopa Vice President DISTRICT 3	Kirsten Kammerer Member DISTRICT 5	Earl Piner Member DISTRICT 2	Donna Zane Member DISTRICT 4	Brett Pearson Student Member

### Cecil County Elects New Board Members; Koch and Piner Retire

- This November, Cecil County voters elected two new Board of Education members making this the first fully elected Board for Cecil County Public Schools. Ms. Lisa Koch and Mr. Earl Piner, outgoing Board members, each decided to retire after a combined nineteen years of service. Ms. Koch was appointed to the Board in 1996 and served as Board president from July 2000 through July 2001 and from July 2006 through July 2008. Mr. Piner has served as the second district representative since his appointment in 2002. The Board's newest members are Mr. Christopher Loller of Earleville and Ms. Lauren Camphausen of Elkton, who were elected in Cecil County's second Board of Education election.



Christopher Loller  
DISTRICT 1



Lauren Camphausen  
DISTRICT 2

## 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 58 percent of FY '08 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 '08, 4 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'08 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 2.8 percent of total revenues.

### How is the Education Dollar Spent?

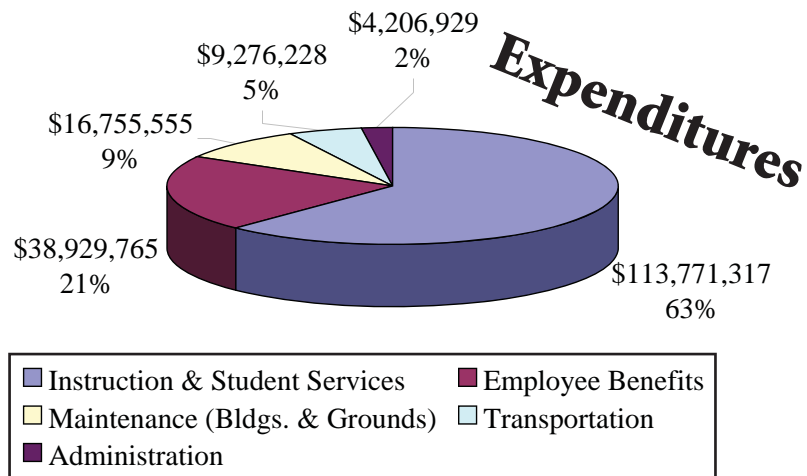
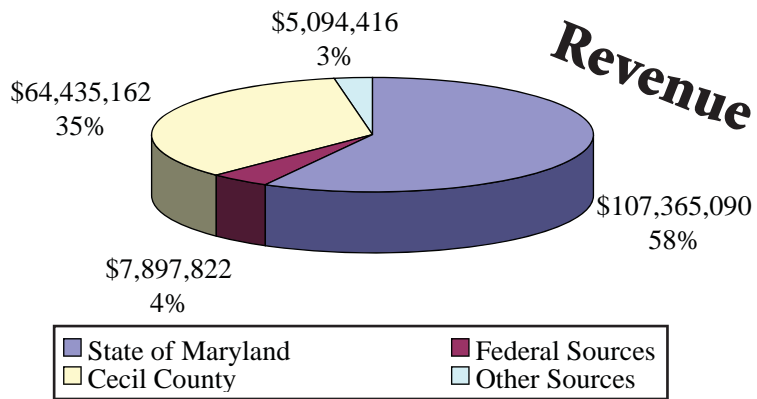


## Fast Facts

<b>Schools</b>	
Elementary	17
Middle	6
High	5
Career & Technology	1
Secondary Alternative Education Program at Providence	1
<b>Enrollment</b>	
Students Enrolled	16,300
Student: Teacher Ratio	
Elementary	1:21
Secondary	1:17
<b>Personnel</b>	
Teachers	1,342
Certificated Administrators & Supervisors	150
Support Staff	831
Total Employees	2,323
<b>Facilities</b>	
Square Footage	2,166,333
Relocatables	69
<b>Technology</b>	
Student: Computer Ratio	3.2

Cecil County government's appropriation to the school system was 35 percent of the school system's receipts and represents 42 percent of the county's total operating expenditures for FY'08. 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.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS



Revenue over Expenditures	\$1,852,696
Fund Balance, beginning 7/1/07	\$7,278,498
Fund Balance, ending 6/20/08	\$9,131,194

FY '08 Financial Information



### *Perryville Middle School*

The rededication of this renovation and addition project was celebrated in the spring of 2008. The completed building is 102,746 square feet and is now able to serve 750 students.

### *Elkton High School*

Elkton High School was completed in October 2008, making it the county's largest school renovation to-date. This project added more than 70,000 square feet and increased the capacity to 1,283 students. A spring 2009 dedication celebration is planned.



### *Calvert Elementary School*

The renovation and addition project at Calvert Elementary School began in the Fall of 2008. This project will feature eight additional classrooms, a new gym, and will expand the media center, office area, and parking. Additionally, the building is being converted to a geothermal heating and cooling system, our third school in the county to feature this environmentally friendly and cost-effective HVAC system.

### *Cecil Technical High School*

Design for the new Cecil Technical High School is on track to allow us to put the project out to bid in the spring of 2009. The current schedule shows this new school opening in August 2011. In addition to being the first new school in the county since 1991, this comprehensive high school will also be LEED certified, which means it is built to be a high performance, environmentally friendly building. When complete, it will serve 840 students and offer an array of technical, academic, athletic, and fine arts options.



## Food & Nutrition Services Report

<i>REVENUE</i>	
State of Maryland	\$272,031
Federal Sources	\$2,381,744
Other Sources	\$2,990,848
	<b>\$5,644,623</b>
<i>EXPENDITURES</i>	
Total Expenditure	\$6,267,420
<b>Revenue over Expenditures</b>	<b>(\$622,797)</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	
beginning 07/01/07	\$563,932
<b>Fund Balance</b>	
ending 6/30/08	<b>(\$58,865)</b>

## Capital Project Fund

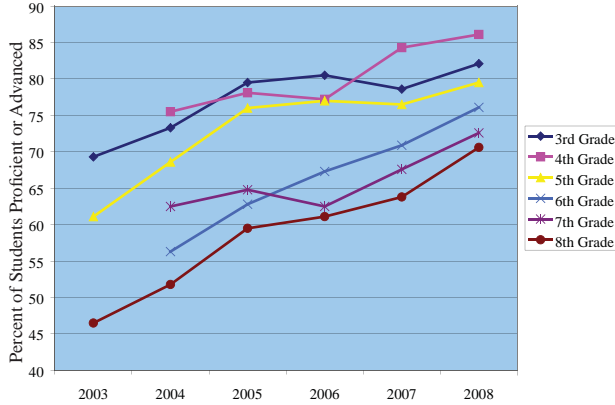
<i>REVENUE</i>	
Cecil County	\$14,907,393
State of Maryland	\$2,745,975
Other Sources	\$5,305,852
	<b>\$22,959,220</b>
<i>EXPENDITURES</i>	
Total Expenditure	\$23,530,556
<b>Revenue over Expenditures</b>	<b>(\$571,336)</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	
beginning 07/01/07	\$611,410
<b>Fund Balance</b>	
ending 6/30/08	<b>\$40,074</b>

## Four Schools Earn "Superior" Facility Rating

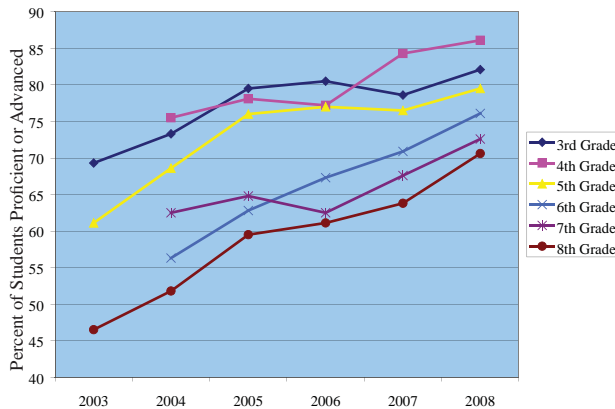
Cecil County Public Schools is pleased to announce that Bainbridge Elementary, Conowingo Elementary, Rising Sun Elementary, and Elkton Middle School have each received a "Superior" rating from the Maryland Public School Construction Program regarding their facility's appearance and cleanliness. CCPS has received fourteen "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, and Rising Sun High School.

# Maryland School Assessment

## Reading



## Math



# TESTING HIGHLIGHTS

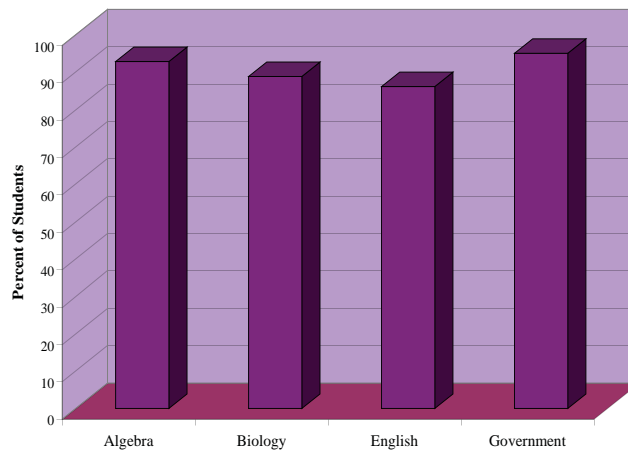
- 15 out of 17 elementary schools recorded all-time-best scores in MSA Reading.
- 13 out of 17 elementary schools recorded all-time-best scores in MSA Math.
- 6 out of 6 middle schools recorded all-time-best scores in MSA Reading.
- 6 out of 6 middle schools recorded all-time-best scores in MSA Math.
- 90% of the class of 2009 has met the HSA graduation requirement as of spring of 2008.
- All 17 elementary schools met AYP individually and as a grade span.
- 5 of 6 middle schools individually met the AYP target.
- Each high school met its individual AYP targets in all measures.

## 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."

# Maryland High School Assessments

Class of 2009 Students Who Have Passed Exams



Cecil County  
Teacher of the Year:  
**Sharon Thomas**

Ms. Sharon Thomas, language arts teacher at Elkton High School, was named the 2008 Teacher of the Year in April. She was also recognized as a finalist for the Maryland State Teacher of the Year. Ms. Thomas is in her ninth year of teaching at Elkton High School.



## The Business and Education Partnership Advisory Council (BEPAC)

BEPAC is a 56-member business organization that continues to support the students in the Cecil County Public School System by donating fiscal and human resources to initiatives that support the Cecil County Public School Strategic Plan. The contributions of our business community as they serve on curriculum and career and technology program advisory committees, the Joint Career Cluster Advisory Committee with Cecil College, participate on various sub-committees for Cecil Technical High School, and provide opportunities for teachers and students to visit regional business work sites benefit all Cecil County students as they prepare for the ever-changing 21st century global workforce. Visit BEPAC's website at:

[www.bepac.org](http://www.bepac.org)

# 2007-2008 Spotlight

- Enrollment in both Honors and Advanced Placement increased from the 2006-2007 school year.
- Perryville and Elkton High Schools successfully piloted Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Academies which are now in all five high schools.
- Elk Neck Elementary School was recertified as a Green School by the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education.
- Valerie Morrison, English Lead Teacher at EHS, won the Outstanding Educator Using Technology Award from MICCA.
- School of Technology Assistant Principal Jacqueline Sudler received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award, and Rising Sun Elementary School Assistant Principal Matthew Stephen received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Award given by the Maryland State Teachers Association.
- Elkton High School received the SoMIRAC Literacy Initiative Award in recognition of its literacy programs.

• Gina Pucci from Perryville High School was selected as High School Physical Education Teacher of the Year, and Cynthia Henderson of Rising Sun Middle School was selected as Health Education Teacher of the Year for the state of Maryland by the Maryland Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

• Ms. Rosemary Meece, media specialist at Cecil Manor Elementary School received the Mae I. Graham Library Media Program of the Year Award given by the Maryland Association of School Librarians