

Annual Report 2006-2007



Cecil County Public Schools



Continuous Improvement: Everyone. Every Way. Every Day.

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Superintendent's Message

-Carl D. Roberts, Ed.D.



On behalf of the Board of Education and the 2,200 employees of the Cecil County Public Schools (CCPS), I am pleased to share the 2007 Annual Report. This communication is required by law to present an explanation of the fiscal structure used to support the education of 16,400 students in pre-school through grade 12. We appreciate the support of the County Commissioners and Cecil County Delegates and Senators who represent us in Annapolis. These two governmental bodies secure approximately 94 percent of the resources required to operate the school system. From this annual report, you will learn how our students performed last year, receive an update on our school construction program, and learn of various new initiatives within the school system. We welcome and appreciate your critique. Again, thank you for all of the support you provided during the 2007 calendar year.

In March of 2007, all students in grades 3-8 and 10 participated in the Maryland School Assessment Program. Tests in reading and math are part of the No Child Left Behind federal legislation requiring that all students be proficient or advanced by the year 2014. As part of the Bridge for Excellence legislation passed in 2002, the Maryland State Department of Education has implemented high school end-of-course tests in English 10, biology, algebra I, and government that students in the Class of 2009 and thereafter must pass in order to receive a high school diploma. CCPS students did well in all categories. You'll read more about this in this publication.

The motto "Continuous Improvement: Everyone. Every Way. Every Day." is used throughout the school system for both students and staff. Each day, everyone at CCPS is encouraged to strive for a higher goal, and those efforts for continuous improvement can be seen on all levels of the school system. Visit any of the thirty Cecil County Public Schools and view for yourself our commitment to continuous improvement.

Finally, on behalf of the Board of Education and employees of the Cecil County Public Schools, I want to wish you a happy and successful New Year in 2008.

HIGHLIGHTS

Fast Facts A System Profile

Schools

Elementary	17
Middle	6
High	5
Career & Technology	1
Secondary Alternative Education Program at Providence	1

Enrollment

Students Enrolled	16,421
Average Daily Attendance	92.9%
Student: Teacher Ratios	
Elementary	1:21
Secondary	1:17

Personnel

Teachers	1,340
Certificated A&S	117
Support Staff	723
Total Employees	2,180

Facilities

Square Footage	2,151,542
Relocatables	67

Technology

Student: Computer Ratio	3:1
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Teacher of the Year

Sallie Christian



The 2007 CCPS Teacher of the Year is first grade teacher, Mrs. Sallie Christian. Mrs. Christian has been teaching for sixteen years and has spent the past six years at Bay View Elementary 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 human and fiscal 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 the Comprehensive Career and Technology 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.

Palmer Presented State Technology Award

CCPS teacher Roberta Palmer was named Cecil County Computer Teacher of the Year and went on to receive the prestigious Maryland Outstanding Educator

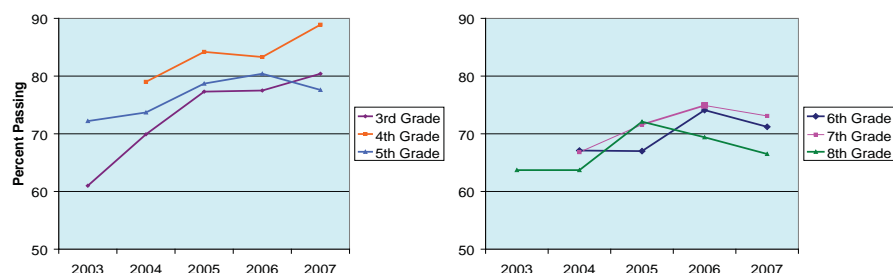


Using Technology Award. Mrs. Palmer, Art Teacher at Elk Neck Elementary and Rising Sun Elementary Schools, was awarded this honor at the April 26, 2007, Maryland Instructional Computer Coordinators Association (MICCA) Annual Conference at the Baltimore Convention Center. The Board of Education recognized Mrs. Palmer at the June 11, 2007 Board of Education meeting as shown in the photo above.

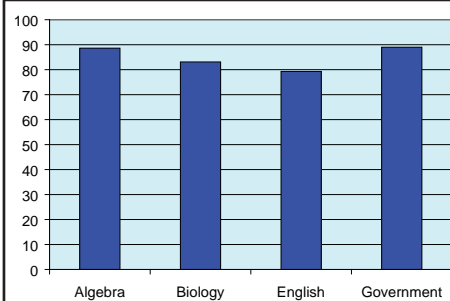
CCPS Goal 1:

All students will meet or exceed high academic standards.

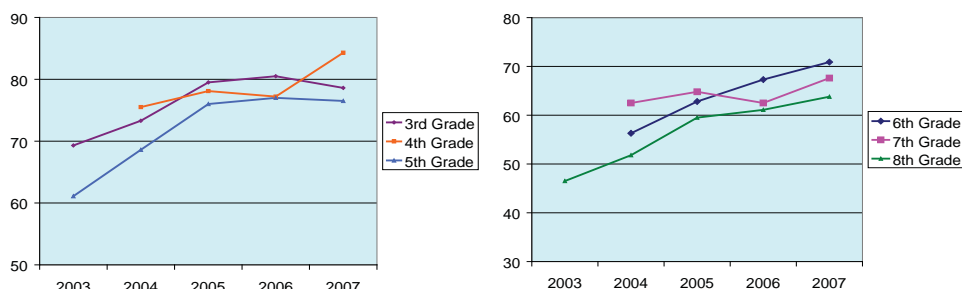
Maryland State Assessment Test Results: Reading



High School Assessments



Maryland State Assessment Test Results: Math



2007 All Time Best Test Scores

MSA Reading:

Grade 3

Grade 4

MSA Math:

Grade 4

Grade 6

Grade 7

Grade 8

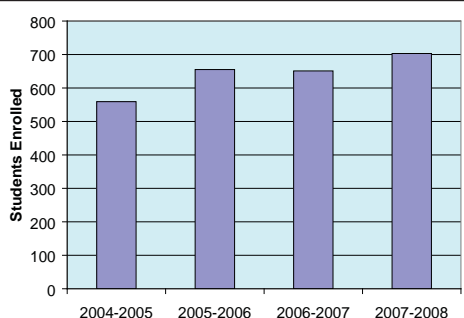
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Algebra

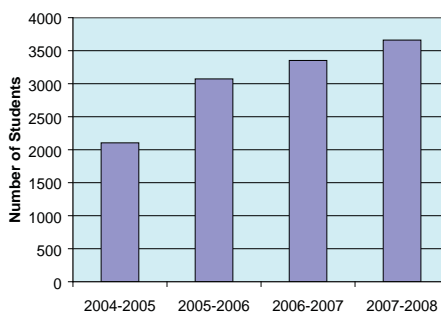
Biology

English

Advanced Placement Enrollment



Honors Enrollment



Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Academy

Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, CCPS launched the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Academy. The program made its debut at both Perryville High School and Elkton High School and will be in all five county high schools by the 2008-2009 school year.

The purpose of the STEM Academy is to attract students to the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to prepare them for the current and future regional and global economy. The Cecil County STEM Academy provides an accelerated and challenging program beginning in middle school honors classes and includes honors, Advanced Placement, dual enrollment courses, and courses with articulated credit arrangements at Cecil College. Graduates from our STEM Academy, will be prepared to enter two- and four-year colleges with the head start of college credits earned in AP, dual enrollment, or articulated courses.



Capital Improvements

Perryville Middle School

This renovation and addition project is nearing completion and is looking great! When finished, the building will be 102,746 square feet and will be able to serve 750 students. Work performed in the past year includes all the classrooms, the kitchen and cafeteria, and the new guidance and administrative areas. A media center addition will complete this project in early 2008.



Elkton High School

Construction continues on the county's largest school renovation project to date. The 2007/2008 school year began in the newly completed Phase One portion of the building, which includes a new auditorium, media center and cafeteria, as well as 32 classrooms. Work in Phase Two is expected to be completed late in the fall of 2008. When complete, this project will add more than 70,000 square feet to the school and will increase the capacity to 1,283 students.

Cecil County Technical High School

This project received planning approval from the state in fiscal year 2008 and design is underway! This new 174,000 square foot facility will be the first new school the county has built since 1991. It will be centrally located adjacent to the current School of Technology in Bay View. When complete, it will serve 840 students and offer an array of technical, academic, athletic, and fine arts options.

CCPS Goal 2:
All students will learn in
safe, secure and inviting
environments.

Safe Schools

At CCPS, the safety of our students and staff is top priority. The Safe Schools Steering Committee, along with system administrators and the Board of Education, have been hard at work establishing programs and initiatives to help ensure that all of our schools can offer a secure learning environment. Listed below are various examples of these efforts.

- Safe Schools training is conducted annually for staff and students.
- Identification badges are worn by all staff.
- Access control systems are being installed at all school main entrances.
- Surveillance cameras have been installed at all five high schools and on school buses.
- CCPS Tabletop Drills, which are used as models throughout the state, occur to assist staff in preparing for possible crisis situations.
- The School Resource Officer program, which is comprised of officers from the Cecil County Sheriff's Department and other local law enforcement agencies, enables schools to take a proactive stance in deterring crime and violence by having a more visible law enforcement presence on a daily basis.



Two Schools Earn

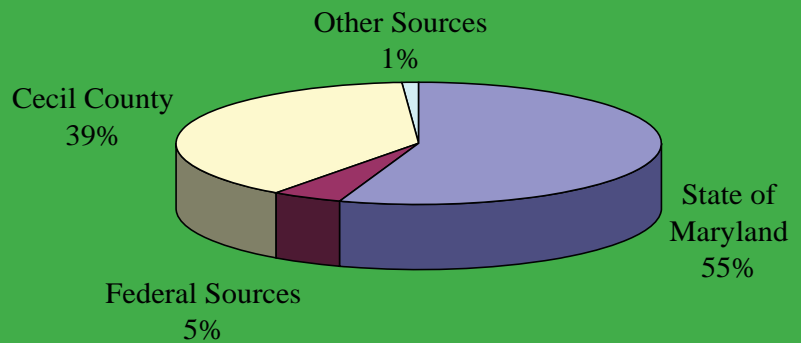
"Superior" Facility Rating

Cecil County Public Schools is pleased to announce that Rising Sun High School and Bay View Elementary School both received a "Superior" rating from the Maryland Public School Construction Program regarding their facility's appearance and cleanliness. This is Cecil County's tenth "Superior" rating in the past ten years. Past award recipients included Cherry Hill Middle, Bohemia Manor Middle, Rising Sun Middle, Calvert, Cecil Manor, Cecilton, Kenmore, and North East Elementary Schools.

FY'07 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

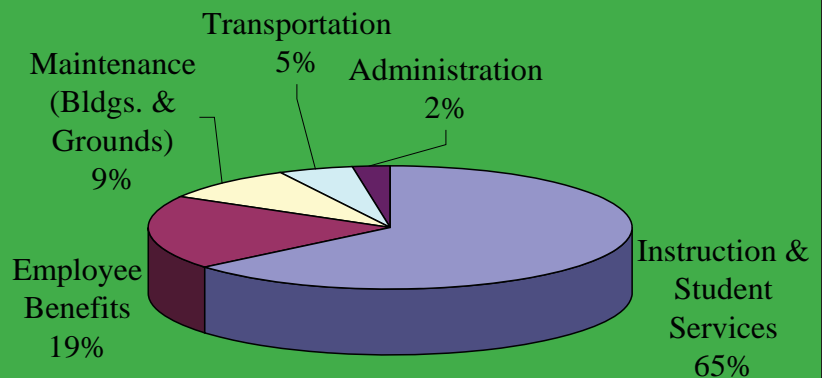
Revenue

State of Maryland	\$93,933,378
Federal Sources	\$7,921,279
Cecil County	\$65,715,090
Other Sources	\$1,975,201
Total Revenue	\$169,544,948



Expenditures

Instruction & Student Services	\$105,609,314
Employee Benefits	\$32,168,451
Maintenance (Bldgs. & Grounds)	\$15,330,042
Transportation	\$8,482,576
Administration	\$3,945,416
Total Expenditures	\$165,535,799



Revenue Over Expenditures	\$4,009,149
Fund Balance, beginning 07/01/06	\$3,269,349
Fund Balance, ending 06/30/07	\$7,278,498

Food & Nutrition Services Report

REVENUE

State of Maryland	\$226,256
Federal Sources	\$2,163,320
Other Sources	\$2,840,490
Total	\$5,230,066

EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditure	\$5,689,117
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Revenue over Expenditures	(\$459,051)
Fund Balance, beginning 07/01/06	\$1,022,983
Fund Balance, ending 6/30/07	\$563,932

Capital Project Fund

REVENUE

Cecil County	\$23,253,696
State of Maryland	\$14,300,564
Other Sources	\$249,592
Total	\$37,803,852

EXPENDITURES

Total Expenditure	\$37,680,377
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Revenue over Expenditures	\$123,475
Fund Balance, beginning 07/01/06	\$487,935
Fund Balance, ending 6/30/07	\$611,410

SCHOOL SYSTEM FUNDING

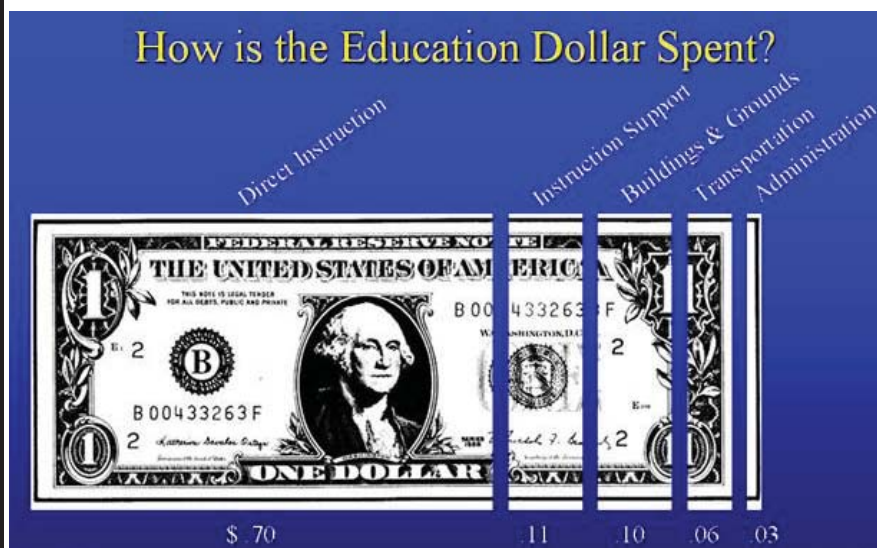
HOW LOCAL TAXES AND STATE FUNDS HELP

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 55.4 percent of FY'07 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'07, 4.6 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'07 include: Title I, Title II Teacher Quality, Special Education, Perkins Vocational and Technical Education, Safe and Drug-Free Schools, and Technology Literacy. Other local funds include investment earnings, nonresident and summer school tuition, insurance recoveries, etc., and represent 1.2 percent of total revenues.

Cecil County government's appropriation to the school system was 46.9% of the school system's receipts and represents 43.2 percent of the county's total operating expenditures for FY'07. This funding is provided to the school system from the local government's tax revenues that include two primary sources- property tax and income tax.



Your tax dollars
at work: 81% of
the total operating
budget directly
benefits the
classroom.



CCPS Goal 3:

All students will benefit
from effective and efficient
support and services
provided by a learning
organization.



A New Look with a New Name



We are pleased to announce that the facility at 201 Booth Street, Elkton, Maryland will be renamed the George Washington Carver Education Leadership Center. The building is named for the George Washington Carver School, which occupied the building until 1964. The Board of Education will host a rededication ceremony to celebrate the renaming and renovation of the Cecil County



Public Schools' administrative offices on February 3, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. Anyone who would like to share George Washington Carver School memorabilia to be showcased at the event is asked to call 410-996-5474.

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.



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