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CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Jeffrey A. Lawson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Dianne L. Heath
President, Board of Education

June 30, 2026

Ms. Joanne Killian
Local Accountability Branch Manager
Maryland State Department of Education
Local Accountability Branch, 7th Floor
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201-2595

Dear Ms. Killian:

Enclosed, please find our Annual Budget Certification Statement, MOE Certification Statement and related budget documents for Fiscal Year 2027. Our approved budget can be found using this link: <https://www.ccps.org/administration/business-services/budget2>.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Denise M. Sopa
Chief Financial Officer

**MOE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT
STATE SHARE OF THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027
Cecil**

Education Article Section 5-235 requires a county governing body to levy and appropriate an annual tax sufficient to provide an amount of revenue for elementary and secondary public education equal to the greater of the following:

A. Local Share of Major State Aid Programs, as adjusted, for Fiscal Year 2027 **101,949,338**

AND

The greater of the product of Enrollment Count for the current fiscal year and the local appropriation on a per pupil basis for the prior fiscal year, using Enrollment Count.

Fiscal Year 2026 Highest Net Local Appropriation to the School Operating Budget* \$ 105,531,499

Divided by

Enrollment Count for Fiscal Year 2026 14,218.08

Fiscal Year 2026 Per Pupil Appropriation 7,422.35

Multiplied by

Enrollment Count for Fiscal Year 2027 14,049.00

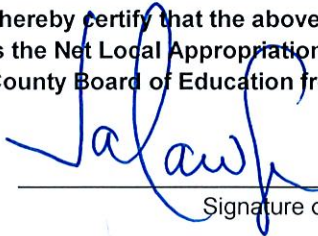
Equals

B. Maintenance of Effort Level for FY 2027 **104,276,595**

Required minimum Local Appropriation for FY 2027 **\$ 104,276,595**

In accordance with Education Article Section 5-235,
I hereby certify that the above information is correct and that
is the Net Local Appropriation* that will be provided to the
County Board of Education from County sources beginning July 1, 2026.

\$ 111,386,031.00



Signature of the Superintendent of Schools

6-29-26
Date

This Certification is to be submitted to the Maryland State Department of Education no later than
7 days after approval of the Budget or June 30, which ever is earlier

* See next page for instructions on this calculation (amounts shown from line H)

ADJUSTMENTS TO LOCAL APPROPRIATION
Cecil

	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
A. Operating Budget Appropriation	105,386,116	\$ 111,386,031
Plus:		
B. Supplemental Appropriations*	-	\$ -
C. Total Appropriation (A+ B)	<u>105,386,116</u>	<u>\$ 111,386,031</u>
Less:		
D. Approved Nonrecurring Costs - FY 2027		
<i>Please itemize total approved nonrecurring cost by exclusion category</i>		
1 _____		
2 _____		
3 _____		
4 _____		
Total Nonrecurring Costs:	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
E. Program Shifts Between County and Board Budgets*		
1 _____		
2 _____		
3 _____		
Total Program Shifts:	<u>(145,383)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
F. Debt Service (If included in appropriation)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
G. Other Reconciling Items*/****		
1 _____	\$ -	
2 _____	\$ -	
Total Other Reconciling Items:	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
H. Net Local Appropriation (C-D-E-F-G)****	<u><u>105,531,499</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 111,386,031</u></u>

* **Provide detail separately**

** Allowable to the extent that the Appropriation exceeds the required local appropriation.

*** Per Education Article Section 5-235(c)(1)(iv), if applicable, please prepare a separate calculation of this amount and attach to this form.

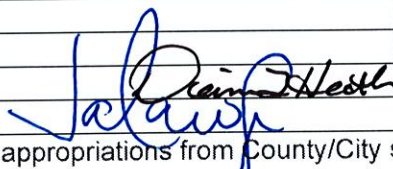
**** Supplemental Appropriations are not included in the calculation of FY 2027 Net Local Appropriation.

Revised 6/17/2026

Cecil County Public Schools
ANNUAL BUDGET
for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027

Authorized under §5-101, §5-102, and §5-111 of
Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Refer to the *Financial Reporting Manual for Maryland Public Schools*, Revised 2014
for definitions of accounts to be reported on this budget.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT	
To the Board of County Commissioners or the County/City Council: In accordance with the requirements of the Acts of the General Assembly, and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and on and with the advice of the State Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education herewith submits the itemized school budget, showing the financial needs and estimated federal, state, local, and other revenue sources of the County/City for Current Expenses, School Construction, and Debt Service.	
Agreeably, thereto you are hereby requested to provide from County/City sources the following appropriation, respectively:	
Current Expense – Recurring Local Appropriation	\$111,386,031.00
Current Expense – Nonrecurring Local Appropriation	\$0
Total Local Appropriation	\$111,386,031.00
School Construction	\$33,448,365.00
Debt Service	\$8,480,216.00
Duly submitted by:	Date: 6/30/26
 Dianne L. Heath, President	
 Jeffrey A. Lawson, Secretary	
The above appropriations from County/City sources have been approved.	
 Alfred Miller, President	
Signature of President or Chair of the County/City Council or County Commissioners	
Preparer: Denise M. Sopa, Chief Financial Officer	
Telephone: 410-996-5401 Ext. 50105	
Date: 6/30/26	

FY 2027 Local Education Agency Annual Budget

Cecil County Public Schools
Local Unit

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND REVENUE

REVENUE			
LOCAL APPROPRIATION	1.1.01.00.00.0.00		\$ 111,386,031.00
OTHER REVENUE*	1.1.05.XX.XX.0.00		\$ 4,650,000.00
STATE REVENUE			
Foundation Program	1.1.20.01.XX.X.XX	\$ 78,751,017.00	
Compensatory Education	1.1.20.02.XX.X.XX	\$ 28,531,169.00	
Formula Grants for Specific Populations	1.1.20.05.XX.X.XX	\$ -	
Children with Disabilities**	1.1.20.07.49.X.XX	\$ 16,200,338.00	
Nonpublic Placements	1.1.20.07.50.X.XX	\$ 1,200,000.00	
Innovative Programs	1.1.20.13.XX.X.XX	\$ -	
English Learners (LEP)	1.1.20.24.XX.X.XX	\$ 2,186,005.00	
Guaranteed Tax Base	1.1.20.25.XX.X.XX	\$ -	
Student Transportation-Formula	1.1.20.39.78.X.XX	\$ 6,833,452.00	
Student Transportation-Students with Disabilities	1.1.20.39.79.X.XX	\$ 231,000.00	
Teacher Development (Stipends and Bonuses)	1.1.20.55.XX.X.XX	\$ -	
Transitional Education Program- Hoyer Grants	1.1.20.57.XX.X.XX	\$ 2,970,000.00	
PreK Expansion Grant	1.1.20.59.XX.X.XX	\$ 1,197,000.00	
Blueprint - Concentration of Poverty	1.1.20.61.XX.X.XX	\$ 5,653,054.00	
Blueprint - Prekindergarten Formula Grant	1.1.20.62.XX.X.XX	\$ 5,266,477.00	
Blueprint - College and Career Ready (CCR)	1.1.20.63.XX.X.XX	\$ 522,070.00	
Blueprint - Transitional Supplemental Instruction (TSI)	1.1.20.66.XX.X.XX	\$ -	
Blueprint - National Board Salary Increases	1.1.20.70.XX.X.XX	\$ 528,695.00	
Blueprint - Comparable Wage Increase	1.1.20.71.XX.X.XX	\$ -	
Blueprint - Education Effort	1.1.20.72.XX.X.XX	\$ -	
Blueprint - Transition Grant Program	1.1.20.73.XX.X.XX	\$ 24,530.00	
Blueprint - BP Coordinators	1.1.20.74.XX.X.XX	\$ 87,942.00	
Other ***	1.1.20.99.XX.X.XX	\$ -	
Fine Arts Initiative	1.1.20.99.XX.X.XX	\$ 15,727.00	
MD Infants and Toddlers	1.1.20.99.XX.X.XX	\$ 378,560.00	
TOTAL STATE REVENUE	1.1.20.XX.XX.X.XX		\$ 150,577,036.00
FEDERAL REVENUE			
Impact Aid (P.L. 874)	1.1.30.01.00.X.XX	\$ -	
ESEA Title I	1.1.30.02.03.X.XX	\$ 4,479,615.00	
ESEA Title II	1.1.30.02.04.X.XX	\$ 483,645.00	
ESEA Title III	1.1.30.02.05.X.XX	\$ 51,984.00	
ESEA Title IV	1.1.30.02.06.X.XX	\$ 279,511.00	
Individuals with Disabilities	1.1.30.02.07.X.XX	\$ 5,993,439.00	
Career and Technology Education	1.1.30.02.08.X.XX	\$ 250,000.00	
School Lunch and Child Nutrition	1.1.30.02.09.X.XX	\$ -	
Adult Education	1.1.30.02.10.X.XX	\$ -	
Head Start	1.1.30.02.11.X.XX	\$ -	
Job Training and Partnership Act	1.1.30.02.12.X.XX	\$ -	
Other***		\$ -	
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education	1.1.30.02.XX.X.XX	\$ 41,227.00	
Read & Lead - Comprehensive Literacy Development	1.1.30.02.XX.X.XX	\$ 1,166,485.00	
JROTC	1.1.30.02.XX.X.XX	\$ 93,353.00	
TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE	1.1.30.XX.XX.X.XX		\$ 12,839,259.00
OTHER RESOURCES/TRANSFERS****	1.1.99.99.XX.X.XX		\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE			\$ 279,452,326.00
PRIOR BALANCE AVAILABLE	1.1.40.00.XX.X.XX		\$ 5,000,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE, TRANSFERS AND FUND BALANCE			\$ 284,452,326.00

* Tuition, payments and fees, earnings on investments, rentals, gifts and other non-state, non-federal revenue sources.

** ONLY include formula funding. Nonplacement funding should be included on the appropriate line.

*** Add lines or specify on attached listing as needed for all other fund sources in the Current Expense Fund.

****Nonrevenue and transfers.

FY 2027 ANNUAL BUDGET

Cecil County Public Schools
Local Unit

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND EXPENDITURES

SUMMARY BY CATEGORY AND OBJECT

Category	Salaries and Wages 1	Contracted Services 2	Supplies and Materials 3	Other Charges 4	Equipment 5	Transfers 8	Total
1201 Administration	\$ 5,521,849.50	\$ 1,187,858.84	\$ 325,100.00	\$ 319,865.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,354,674.12
1202 Mid-level Administration							
Office of the Principal	\$ 14,590,726.04	\$ 194,035.77	\$ 197,029.25	\$ 477,892.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,459,683.92
Administration & Supervision	\$ 3,343,223.00	\$ 5,559.00	\$ 13,097.00	\$ 61,983.52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,423,862.52
1203 Instructional Salaries	\$ 96,437,500.39					\$ -	\$ 96,437,500.39
1204 Textbooks & Instructional Supplies			\$ 4,140,820.95			\$ -	\$ 4,140,820.95
1205 Other Instructional Costs		\$ 7,179,318.62		\$ 582,940.79	\$ 51,808.00	\$ 254,399.00	\$ 8,068,466.41
1206 Special Education	\$ 33,830,674.50	\$ 5,343,928.55	\$ 147,019.00	\$ 77,039.41	\$ -	\$ 4,906,922.76	\$ 44,305,584.22
1207 Student Personnel Services	\$ 2,434,537.00	\$ 24,218.00	\$ 5,762.00	\$ 21,887.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,486,404.41
1208 Health Services	\$ 2,655,935.00	\$ 17,870.00	\$ 59,012.81	\$ 8,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,741,417.81
1209 Student Transportation	\$ 1,359,453.20	\$ 12,966,637.99	\$ 176,979.00	\$ 633,909.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,136,979.60
1210 Operation of Plant	\$ 7,230,022.00	\$ 1,221,056.01	\$ 423,800.00	\$ 7,183,874.00	\$ 21,667.00	\$ -	\$ 16,080,419.01
1211 Maintenance of Plant	\$ 3,194,494.00	\$ 728,046.03	\$ 970,000.00	\$ 178,672.51	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,121,212.54
1212 Fixed Charges				\$ 61,151,184.21		\$ -	\$ 61,151,184.21
1213 Food Service						\$ -	\$ -
1214 Community Services	\$ 1,816,287.88	\$ 183,667.73	\$ 20,168.87	\$ 115,832.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,135,956.89
1215 Capital Outlay	\$ 316,254.00	\$ 89,075.00	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 1,675.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 408,159.00
Undistributed Federal Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 172,730,956.51	\$ 29,141,271.54	\$ 6,479,943.88	\$ 70,815,357.31	\$ 123,475.00	\$ 5,161,321.76	\$ 284,452,326.00

Supplementary Information:	
Expenditures for Adult Education	\$ -
Expenditures for Summer School	\$ -

FY 2027 ANNUAL BUDGET

Cecil County Public Schools
Local Unit

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STAFF EMPLOYED

POSITION TYPE	Total FTE	Adminis- tration 01	Mid-level Administration 02		Instructional Salaries & Wages 03	Special Education 06	Student Personnel Services 07
			Office of Principal	Administration & Supervision			
Superintendent, Deputy, Assc, Asst	6.00	3		3			
Directors, Coord., Superv., Specialists	24.00	0.5	0	14.5		4	2
Principal	29.00		29				
Vice Principal	36.00		36				
Teachers	1107.00				842	245	11
Therapists	36.60					36.6	
Guidance Counselor	52.00				52		
Librarian	21.00	0		0	21		
Psychologist	20.10				20.1		
Pupil Personel & School Social Workers	16.00						6
Nurse	32.00						
Other Professional Staff	42.00	32	1	0		0	0
Secretaries and Clerks	110.00	12.5	88.5	0		2.5	2
Bus Drivers	9.00						
Aides - Paraprofessionals	286.20	1	0	0	79	199	0
Other Staff	163.00	0	0	0	2	0	0
TOTAL FTE STAFF	1989.90	49.00	154.50	17.50	1016.10	487.10	21.00

FY 2027 ANNUAL BUDGET

Cecil County Public Schools

Local Unit

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STAFF EMPLOYED

POSITION TYPE	Health Services 08	Student Transpor- tation 09	Operation of Plant 10	Maintenance of Plant 11	Food Services 13	Community Services 14	Capital Outlay 15
Superintendent, Deputy, Assc, Asst							
Directors, Coord., Superv., Specialists	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Principal							
Vice Principal							
Teachers						9	
Therapists							
Guidance Counselor							
Librarian							
Psychologist							
Pupil Personel & School Social Workers						10	
Nurse	32						
Other Professional Staff	0	2	1	4	0	0	2
Secretaries and Clerks	0	2	0	2	0	0	0.5
Bus Drivers		9					
Aides - Paraprofessionals	0	7.2	0	0	0	0	
Other Staff	0	1	123	37	0	0	
TOTAL FTE STAFF	33.00	23.20	124.00	43.00	0.00	19.00	2.50

FY 2027 ANNUAL BUDGET

Cecil County Public Schools
Local Unit

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUND

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

ACCOUNT		AMOUNT	
REVENUES			
LOCAL APPROPRIATIONS	3.1.01.00.00.0.00		\$ 33,448,365.00
OTHER REVENUE			
Earnings on Investments	3.1.05.30.00.0.00		
Rental Income	3.1.05.35.00.0.00		
Other	3.1.05.99.00.0.00		
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE			\$ -
STATE			
Construction Aid	3.1.20.45.00.0.00		
Other	3.1.20.99.00.0.00		
TOTAL STATE			\$ 6,000,000.00
OTHER RESOURCES			
Sale of Equipment	3.1.99.01.00.0.00		
Net Insurance Recovery	3.1.99.02.00.0.00		
Sale of Bonds	3.1.99.03.00.0.00		
State Loans	3.1.99.04.00.0.00		
Interfund Transfers	3.1.99.20.00.0.00		
Other	3.1.99.99.00.0.00		
TOTAL OTHER RESOURCES			\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE/OTHER RESOURCES			\$ 39,448,365.00
EXPENDITURES			
Land and Land Improvements	3.2.15.34.XX.X.XX		
Buildings and Additions	3.2.15.35.XX.X.XX		\$ 39,448,365.00
Remodeling	3.2.15.36.XX.X.XX		
Interfund Transfers	3.2.99.20.00.8.86		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$ 39,448,365.00

NOTE: Total Revenue must equal Total Expenditures

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FY 2027 ANNUAL BUDGET

Cecil County Public Schools
Local Unit

DEBT SERVICE FUND

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

ACCOUNT		AMOUNT	
REVENUES			
LOCAL APPROPRIATIONS	4.1.01.00.00.0.00		\$ 8,480,216.00
OTHER REVENUE			
	4.1.05.99.XX.X.XX		
STATE			
Construction Aid	4.1.20.45.00.0.00		
Other	4.1.20.99.00.0.00		
TOTAL STATE			\$ -
OTHER RESOURCES			
Interfund Transfers	4.1.99.20.00.0.00		
Other	4.1.99.99.00.0.00		
TOTAL OTHER RESOURCES			\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE			\$ 8,480,216.00
EXPENDITURES			
OTHER CHARGES - Miscellaneous	4.2.00.00.00.4.99		
PRINCIPAL			
County Long-Term Bonds	4.2.00.00.00.6.61	\$ 5,601,482.00	
State Loan	4.2.00.00.00.6.62		
TOTAL PRINCIPAL			\$ 5,601,482.00
INTEREST			
County Long-Term Bonds	4.2.00.00.00.7.61	\$ 2,878,734.00	
State Loan	4.2.00.00.00.7.62		
TOTAL INTEREST			\$ 2,878,734.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE			\$ 8,480,216.00

NOTE: Total Revenue must equal Total Expenditures

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FY 2027 ANNUAL BUDGET

Cecil County Public Schools
Local Unit

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADDENDUM

ACCOUNT		AMOUNT
SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE HANDICAPPED		
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS		
PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS	1.2.06.04.00.X.XX	\$ 37,746,189.80
STATE INSTITUTIONS	1.2.06.06.00.X.XX	
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS	1.2.06.07.00.X.XX	\$ 5,077,316.76
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	1.2.06.09.00.X.XX	\$ 542,393.25
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	1.2.06.15.00.X.XX	\$ 58,000.00
SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT	1.2.06.16.00.X.XX	\$ 881,684.41
NONDISTRIBUTED EXPENDITURES (Substitute Salaries)		\$
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION		\$ 44,305,584.22

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