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WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DRAFT FY2028 GENERAL FUND BUDGET CALENDAR
(Dates are predicated upon receipt of State Aid Reports as scheduled herein)

Deliverable Date	Deliverable	Individual(s) Responsible
JULY		
AUGUST		
7/30/26	Review and forward FY2028 Budget Calendar to full BOE	Finance Comm
8/18/26	Adopt FY2028 Budget Calendar	BOE
8/28/26	Determine preliminary estimate of budget increase target	Supt. & COO
SEPTEMBER		
9/01/26	Work Session: FY28 Budget Priorities	BOE
9/18/26	Submit any school-specific requests to Directors and Chiefs	Principals
9/21/26	Provide senior management with preliminary budget parameters	Supt.
OCTOBER		
10/15/26	Submit prioritized list of needs with costs (including school initiatives and any mandatory FY2028 Master Plan initiatives) and list of reductions and redeployments to Superintendent and Finance	CAB
10/20-10/23/26	Organize prioritized additions, reductions, and redeployments for Supt.	Finance Staff
10/30/26	Publish final September 30, 2026, enrollment.	Student Services
NOVEMBER		
11/3/26	Superintendent's Cabinet Budget Discussion	Supt. and CAB
11/9-11/24/26	Prepare preliminary draft of the **Superintendent's Draft FY2028 Budget** for internal discussion (with State and local estimate)	Finance Staff
DECEMBER		
12/1/26	Superintendent's Cabinet Budget Discussion	Supt. and CAB
JANUARY		
1/15/27	Receive preliminary FY2028 State Aid calculation from MSDE (date tentative)	Finance Staff
1/19-1/22/27	Incorporate state revenue estimates into budget draft and determine excess or shortfall	Finance Staff
1/26/27	Work Session – **Superintendent's FY2028 Draft Budget**	BOE
1/29/27	Notify County Administrator and County Chief Financial Officer of **preliminary** financial request	COO and Supt.
FEBRUARY		
Feb-TBD (b)	BOE to present Draft Budget for discussion with BOCC (To be confirmed with the BOCC)	BOE and BOCC
Deliverable Date	**Deliverable**	**Individual(s) Responsible**
MARCH		
3/2/27	Work Session – **Superintendent's FY2028 Recommended Budget**	BOE
3/16/27	Adopt **Board's FY2028 Draft Budget** for Public Hearing	BOE
3/17/27	Send updated **Board of Education's FY2028 Draft Budget** to the BARC	Finance Staff

3/19/27	Make copies of **Board's FY2028 Draft Budget** available to the public	Finance Staff and PIO
3/22/27 (a)	Discuss **Board's FY2028 Draft Budget** and finalize recommendation to BOE (Snow Date 3/23/27)	BARC
3/31/27	Discuss **Board's FY2028 Draft Budget** and finalize recommendation to BOE (Snow Date 4/1/27)	BARC
APRIL		
4/20/27	Present recommendations on **Board's FY2028 Draft Budget** to BOE (6:30 PM in Board Auditorium) (Snow Date 04/27/27)	BARC
4/20/27	Public Hearing – **Board of Education's FY2028 Draft Budget** (Snow Date 04/27/27)	BOE
4/23/27	Receive Final FY2028 State Aid Report (tentative)	Finance
4/28/27	Revise revenue projections for final iteration of State Aid Report	Finance Staff
MAY TO JULY		
5/18/27	Adopt **Board Approved FY2028 Budget** to present to the BOCC	BOE
5/21/27	Provide copies of **Board Approved FY2028 Budget** to the BOCC, make copies available for public review, and post on WCPS Website	Finance Staff and PIO
TBD (c))	Other Meetings as Deemed Necessary	Varies

(a) These dates are approximate, subject to the availability of BARC members.
(b) These dates are approximate, subject to availability of the Board of County Commissioners.
(c) These steps will be necessary only if the Commissioners do not fully fund the Board's budget request or if the final State appropriation is significantly different from preliminary estimates for FY2028.

LEGEND OF ABBREVIATIONS				
BARC	Budget Advocacy and Review Comm.		COO	Chief Operating Officer
BOCC	Board of County Commissioners		MSDE	Maryland State Dept. of Education
BOE	Board of Education		PIO	Public Information Office
CAB	Superintendent's Cabinet		SUPT	Superintendent