FY2026 Superintendent's Recommended Operating Budget

Superintendent's Recommended Budget Focus

- ★ Preserving our current class size formulas for staffing
- Retaining the replacement and refurbishment cycle for student
- ★ Ensuring access of up to 4 dual enrollment courses per year in grades 11 & 12 at no cost
- ★ Continuing to provide preschool to all income eligible 3 & 4 year old students
- Advancing our work for high quality instructional materials
- Ensuring a continuum of services and supports for students with
- Maintaining our Remote Virtual Program for grades 6-8, with entrance opportunities for students in grades 4 & 5
- Providing, on average, 2% for the salary resource pool pending negotiation

How many students attend FCPS? Students in the Thousands Growth FY2022 FY2025 FY2023 FY2024 FY2026* 46,899 45,220 47,681 48,054 48,867 *Projected Enrollment

Key Dates

| January 6, 2025 | Superintendent Recommended Budget Releases |
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| January 15, 2025 | Governor's Budget Released |
| January 29, 2025 | Public Hearing - Tuscarora High School, 6pm |
| February 2025 | BOE submits budget to the County Executive |
| April 15, 2025 | County Executive FY26 Budget Release |
| May 31, 2025 | County Council FY26 Budget Approval |
| June 30, 2025 | FY26 Operating Budget Approval |
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County Executive's Budget Town Hall Meetings

| District 2 | Monday, January 13, 7pm | Twin Ridge Elementary School |
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| District 4 | Wednesday, January 22, 7pm | Oakdale Middle School |
| District 5 | Saturday, January 25, 1pm | Walkersville Middle School |
| District 3 | Monday, January 27, 7pm | Waverley Elementary School |
| District 1 | Thursday, January 30, 7pm | Middletown Library |

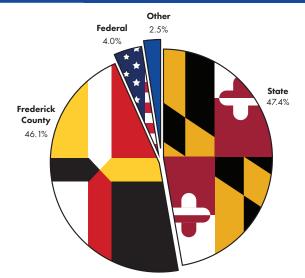
How is FCPS Funded?











FY2026 Superintendent's Recommended Budget \$974,712,202

Salary, Wages & Benefits \$830,530,402 (85.2%) Contracted Services - \$48,909,991 (5.0%) Supplies & Materials - \$45,206,703 (4.6%) Other Charges - \$38,775,301 (4.0%) Equipment - \$9,679,395 (1.0%) Transfers* - \$1,610,410 (0.2%)

Recommendation Above

| Maintenance of Effort | | |
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| FY2026 Total Projected Revenue Increase | 13,752,946 | |
| Expense Adjustments: | | |
| Employee Salary & Wages | 11, <i>7</i> 69,537 | |
| Employee Benefits | 10,958,129 | |
| Staffing Enrollment & Program Growth | 992,339 | |
| Staffing Efficiencies | (1,689,308) | |
| Inflation | 4,462,151 | |
| Blueprint for Maryland's Future | 4,480,850 | |
| Charter Schools | 2,965,125 | |
| FY2026 Total Projected Expense Increase | 33,938,823 | |
| FY2026 Total Request Above Maintenance of Effort | 20,185,877 | |
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^{*}As defined by the MSDE Financial Reporting Manual, transfers include interfund transfers, transfers to OPEB, indirect cost recovery, transfers to private PreK providers, and transfers to other schools both public and non-public.