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Community invited to public forums to discuss BCPS budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2025

Five "Community Conversations" to be held in October and November

What:

Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers (Yarbrough) will host five "Community Conversations" regarding the development of the BCPS Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget. Community members are invited to share their ideas on budget priorities and the investments the system should make to provide high-quality public education to every student.

Spanish interpretation will be provided at each meeting. Interpreting services for other languages are also available upon request at no cost to participants. Please contact 443-809-1250 as early as possible to request.

In addition to the budget forums, Team BCPS staff, parents, students, and community members are encouraged to complete the <u>FY 25 Budget Priorities Stakeholder Survey</u>.

When and Where:

Thursday, October 12, from 6-7 p.m.

Sparrows Point High School—cafeteria, 7400 North Point Rd, Sparrows Point 21219

Tuesday, October 17, from 6-7 p.m.

Pikesville High School—*cafeteria*, 7621 Labyrinth Rd, Pikesville 21208 This meeting will be livestreamed on YouTube.

Wednesday, October 25, from 6-7 p.m.

Loch Raven High School—cafeteria, 1212 Cowpens Ave., Towson 21286

Thursday, November 9, from 6-7 p.m.

Parkville High School—cafeteria, 2600 Putty Hill Ave., Baltimore 21234

Tuesday, November 14, from 6-7 p.m.

Western School of Technology and Environmental Science — cafeteria, 100 W. Kenwood Ave., Catonsville 21228

Background:

Work on the operating budget for the next fiscal year typically begins in the summer, with a preliminary budget estimate completed by early fall. After considering all requests from BCPS offices and reviewing recommendations from schools, executive leadership, and stakeholder groups, the superintendent submits a proposed budget to the Board of Education in January. The Board holds public hearings to gather comments and feedback from the community, and then works to finalize their budget proposal, which is submitted to the Baltimore County Executive and the County Council. The Council also holds a public hearing and approves a budget for the county, which includes BCPS. The Board approves a final budget for BCPS in May.

In addition to the Community Conversations in October and November, the community will be able to learn more about the budget process on a soon-to-be launched "Budget 101" website. Additional opportunities for involvement will include the Board of Education public hearings.

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