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County Executive Olszewski’s FY 2025 Operating Budget Proposal Fully Funds BCPS Budget Request, Plus Adds Funds for More Teachers, Bus Drivers, and Community College Access

Proposal provides \$41 million above state-required Maintenance of Effort (MOE), ensuring BCPS can prioritize investments in areas of greatest need.

Towson, MD – Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski today (4/11) submitted a Fiscal Year 2025 operating budget proposal to the County Council that includes nearly \$2.6 billion for Baltimore County Public Schools.

The County Executive’s request fully funds the [\\$2.58 billion request](#) that was submitted by the Board of Education in February 2024. This represents \$41 million above state required Maintenance of Effort (MOE) to help BCPS *fast forward* student achievement and build a world-class school system.

“County Executive Johnny Olszewski is a true champion of education, and we deeply appreciate his longstanding commitment to Baltimore County Public Schools as demonstrated by his record investments in our system and Team BCPS students, staff and families,” said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers. “The County Executive recognizes that it is critically important to invest in our students now to build a thriving Baltimore County and secure our community’s future as a great place to live and work. We look forward to working with the County Council to move this budget request across the finish line and continue our work to build an innovative and collaborative learning community where all students excel and reach their highest potential.”

“As a former BCPS teacher, parent to a BCPS second-grader, and as County Executive, education will always be my passion and priority,” said County Executive Olszewski. “For the sixth year in a row, Baltimore County’s budget delivers another major investment in BCPS.”

Items requested by Baltimore County Schools in the County Executive’s record investments in Baltimore County Public Schools include:

- Funding for step increases and a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for all school system employees.
- Millions in capital funding towards ongoing school construction projects, including new buildings for Lansdowne and Dulaney high schools, like-new Towson High School, as well as a new building for Scotts Branch Elementary School. Capital program investments include a new Career and Technology Education center, needed additions to Patapsco High School and meaningful overcrowding solutions in the southeast and northeast portions of the county.
- Funding for the system to hire additional educators in the following academic priority areas: English Language Arts (ELA), mathematics, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), special education, and early childhood education.

The County Executive’s budget request includes funding above and beyond the BCPS base budget request. “I appreciate the collaboration with and additional advocacy from Superintendent Rogers,” Olszewski said. “Working in partnership, I am pleased that we were able to find a way to address funding gaps on behalf of Baltimore County students and families.”

Additions to the base budget from the County Executive include:

- Raising the starting salary for educators to \$60,000 — fulfilling the county’s obligation to the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future — two years ahead of schedule.
- Funding for additional bus drivers and teachers to respond to anticipated growth in Kindergarten and multilingual learner populations.
- \$250,000 in additional funding to expand high school student access to college courses at the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) for students who are not yet college and career ready.

The County Council is scheduled to vote on the County Executive’s proposed FY 2025 budget on May 23, 2024.

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[Baltimore County Public Schools](#), the nation’s 22nd largest school system, engages and empowers its talented students, teachers, staff, and stakeholders and strives to build an innovative and collaborative learning community where all students excel and reach their highest potential.

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