

Baltimore City Public Schools FY27 Adopted Budget

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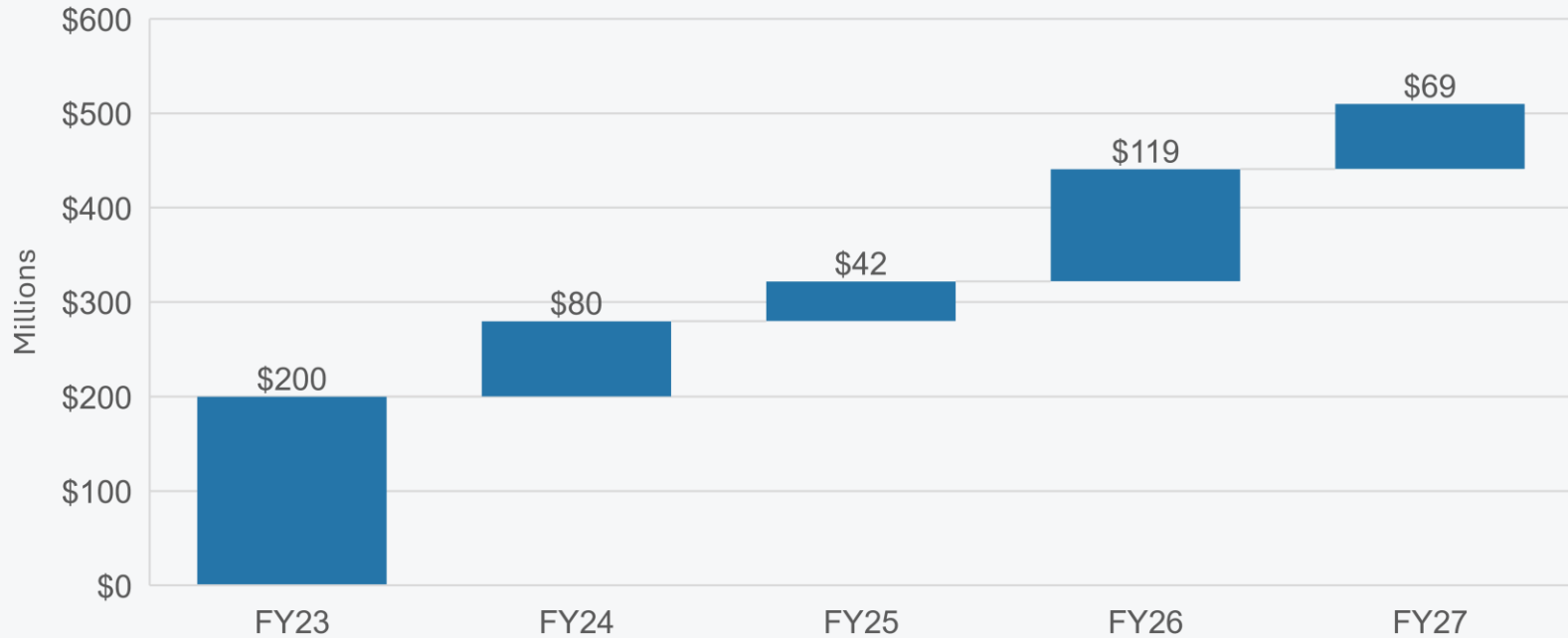
City Schools is proud to present a budget for FY27 that focuses on sustaining what is working and what is most important to our students' success.

The FY27 budget reflects an anticipated overall **4% increase in Blueprint funding**. With new revenue driven largely by two restricted funding streams and not keeping pace with rising costs, this is a belt-tightening year. We have created a budget that aims to minimize the impact on schools and students.



At a time of transition for City Schools and continued uncertainty about the sustainability of the Blueprint and federal funding, the budget prioritizes continuing the investments that matter most to student outcomes.

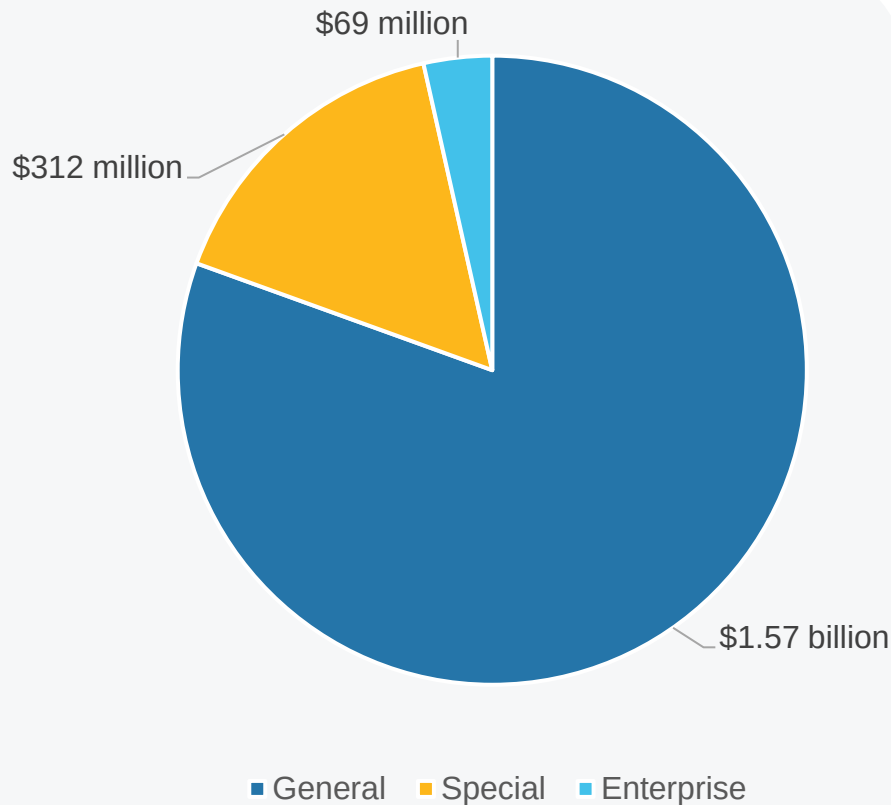
Funding from the Blueprint for Maryland's Future FY23-27 Year-Over-Year Increases



FY27 Revenue

All Funds

The district's FY27 revenue is **\$1.95 billion**, which includes general, special, and enterprise funds.





FY27 REVENUE – GENERAL FUNDS

The FY27 general fund of \$1.57 billion comes from three main sources of revenue:

Revenue Source	FY26	FY27
State of Maryland	\$1.077 billion	\$1.144 billion
City of Baltimore	\$390.5 million +\$1.8 million TSI grant ----- \$392.3 million	\$392.4 million
Other Sources*	\$33.16 million	\$36.63 million
TOTAL	\$1.5 billion	\$1.57 billion

**Includes federal sources such as E-rate and investment earnings.*

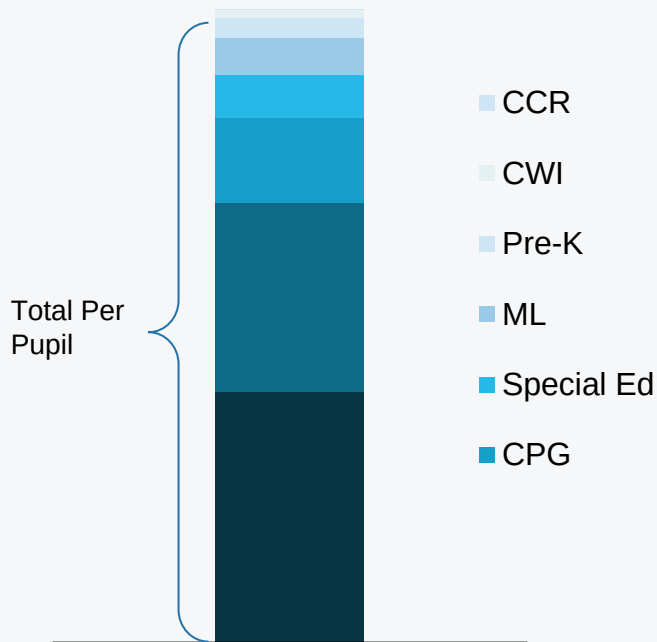
BLUEPRINT FUNDING CATEGORIES

Blueprint funding categories include both State and City funds. These funds are a combination of general and grant fund types.

MSDE Funded Enrollment
FY26: 71,474
FY27: 71,486

Blueprint Funding Categories	FY26	FY27	% change
Foundation Program	\$659,423,737	\$683,477,646	3.6%
Compensatory Education	\$496,571,124	\$483,020,082	-2.7%
Concentration of Poverty	\$166,215,181	\$195,047,198	17.30%
Special Education	\$111,365,657	\$130,156,900	16.9%
Multilingual Learners	\$97,299,242	\$95,130,052	-2.20%
Pre-kindergarten	\$50,673,921	\$71,100,211	40.3%
Transportation	\$26,192,008	\$26,733,833	2.10%
Comparable Wage Index	\$20,455,324	\$20,750,382	1.40%
Blueprint Transition Grant Program	\$12,134,981	\$9,334,601	-23.1%
Transitional Supplemental Instruction	\$5,885,392	-	-100%
Guaranteed Tax Base Program	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	0%
College & Career Readiness Program	\$3,117,192	\$2,079,594	-33.30%
Career Ladder (NBC Teacher Salary)	\$1,395,000	\$2,515,000	80.30%
Blueprint Coordinator	\$101,111	\$150,000	48.4%
Total	\$1,660,829,870	\$1,729,495,499	4.1%

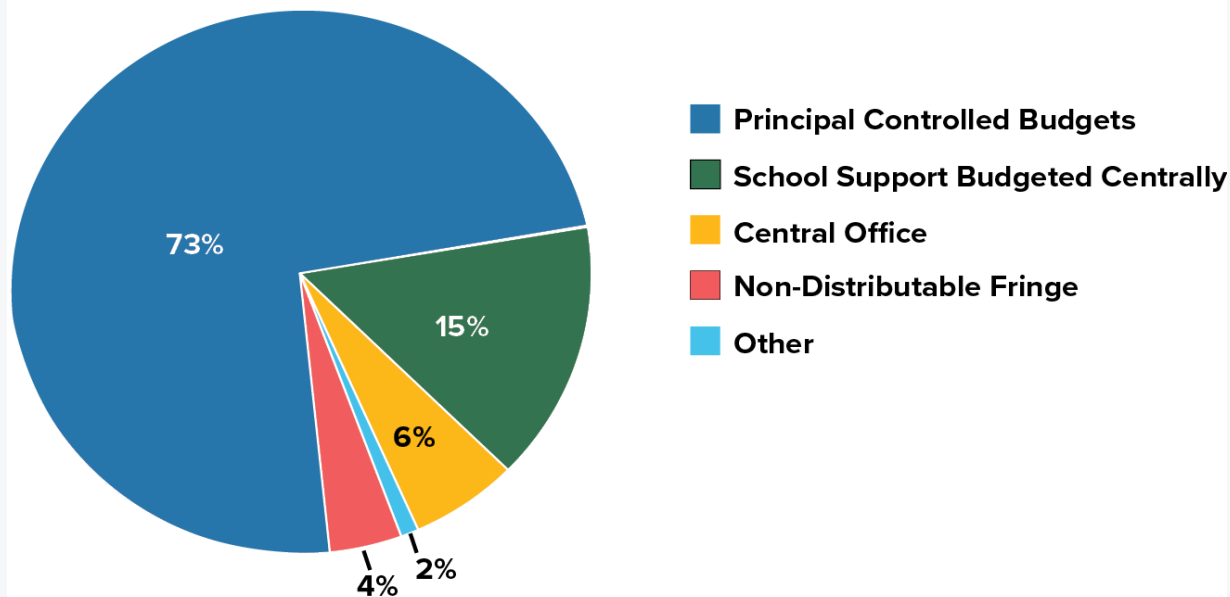
How Blueprint Funding Works



- The Blueprint is designed so that the funds follow the student.
- Each student receives funding from all streams for which they are eligible.
- The funds stack on top of each other to determine the total funding for each student.
- A school's total funding is the sum of the total funding for each student.
- Schools with the same total enrollment but different student characteristics receive different levels of funding.

FY27 General Fund Distribution

Approximately **88%** of the General Fund budget is allocated to schools or budgeted centrally on behalf of schools.



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

We utilize multiple approaches to gathering stakeholder input including:

- Meetings at the district and school levels to explore priority areas
- Survey shared via website, social media, newsletters
- Possip poll sent directly to family cell phones
- School-based budget forums to review proposed budgets
- School-based budget review meetings to review final budgets



FY27 School Budget Planning and Development

- **Enrollment Projections** – Data analysis and school leader input were used to identify an estimated FY27 enrollment for each school.
- **Strategic Resourcing Template** – *New for FY27, school leaders were provided with a framework to help think through overall school priorities and implications for scheduling, staffing, and other resources.*
- **School Allocations** – Our funding model generated per pupil school allocations. For FY27, schools were held harmless to their prior year amounts.
- **Budget Guidance** – Schools received a package of resources identifying required and recommended spending.
- **Pre-Collaboratives** – Each school met with their ILED and cross-office teams to discuss their preliminary planning and any emerging issues. *New for FY27, pre-collabs followed a structured agenda centered around strategic school-level resource planning.*
- **Budget Collaboratives** – A formal meeting was held with each school and representation from across the central office to finalize each school's budget in alignment with requirements and priorities; schools in need of additional funding were able to make requests to meet their specific needs.

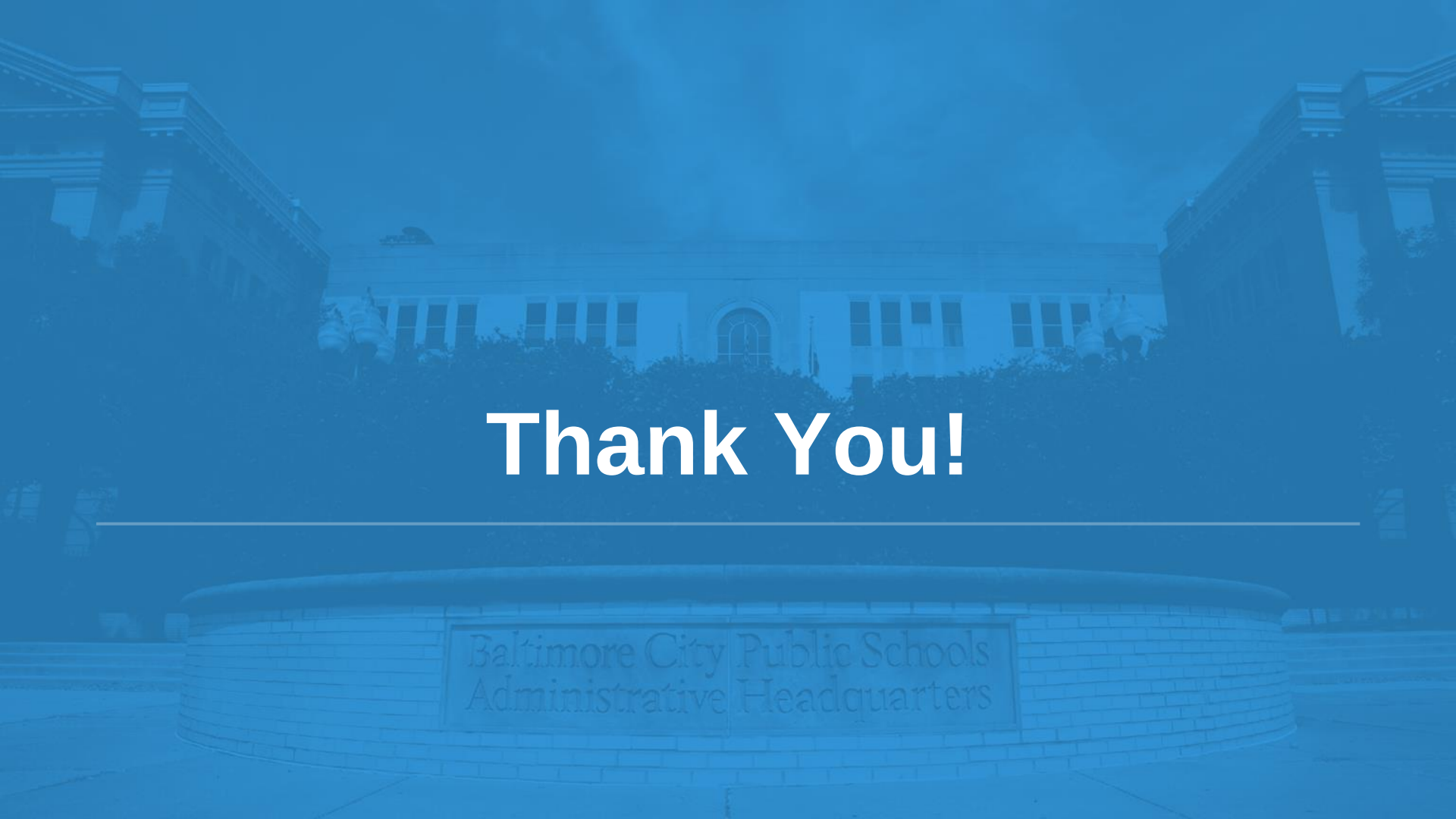


Board Focus Areas

The FY27 key investments support the focus areas that the Board has indicated will become the new Board goals and inform the next Strategic Plan.

- More High-Performing Schools
- School Portfolio Strategy
- Students with Diverse Learning Needs
- School Climate and Student Well-Being





Thank You!

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