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The Committee on Ways and Means (WM) is responsible for ensuring taxpayer dollars are expended prudently and equitably. WM will exercise regular oversight of the City's budget, expenditures, loans, and other financial matters. The committee's areas of jurisdiction include: budget & appropriations, taxation, financial services, consumer protection, audits, and the Comptroller's Office.

**The Honorable Eric T. Costello
Chairman**

PUBLIC HEARING

**TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council Bill #24-0523

**Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for
the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025**

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Ways and Means

Bill: 24-0523

Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

Sponsor: *Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners*

Introduced: *May 16, 2024*

For the purpose of approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2025; providing for certification of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; and providing for a special effective date.

Effective: July 1, 2024

Agency Reports

Analysis

Current Law

Section 5-102 (Article – Education) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume) outlines the rules, policies and/or mandates for the budget for the Baltimore City Public School System §5-102.

- (a) In this subtitle, “county council” means, in Baltimore City, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.
- (b) (1) Each county board shall submit an annual school budget in writing to the county commissioners, county council, or the county executive.
- (2) The budget shall be submitted not less than 45 days before the date for levying local taxes or on an earlier date on or after March 1 as may be requested by the county fiscal authority.
- (c) (1) This subsection applies only to a county that has a county governing body that consists of a county executive and county council.

(2) The county executive shall indicate in writing which major categories of the annual budget of the county board have been denied in whole or reduced in part and the reason for the denial or reduction.

(3) The county council may restore any denial or reduction made by the county executive in the annual budget submitted by the county board.

(4) In Baltimore County, the County Council may not restore any denial or reduction made by the County Executive.

(5) This item applies to Baltimore County and supersedes item (4) of this subsection only if the voters of Baltimore County approve an amendment to the Baltimore County Charter that grants the County Council the authority to restore any denial or reduction made by the County Executive in the budget submitted by the county board. The Baltimore County Council may restore any denial or reduction made by the County Executive if it publicly states the amount the restoration represents in the county tax rate.

(d)(1) In Baltimore City, the City Council may not restore any denial or reduction made by the Mayor.

(2) (i) This paragraph applies to Baltimore City and supersedes paragraph (1) of this subsection only if the voters of Baltimore City approve an amendment to the Baltimore City Charter that grants the City Council the authority to restore any denial or reduction made by the Mayor in the budget submitted by the county board.

(ii) The Baltimore City Council may restore any denial or reduction made by the Mayor if it publicly states the amount the restoration represents in the city tax rate.

(e) (1) Copies of the budget shall be made available to the public, on request, at the time it is submitted by the county board.

(2) A copy of the budget as approved by the county commissioners or county council shall be sent to the State Superintendent within 30 days after approval.

Background

The representative(s) from the Baltimore City Public School System is scheduled to come before the committee/council members on **June 4, 2024 at 6 PM** to discuss BCPSS' budget in-depth and answer any questions or concerns the committee/council members may have regarding their budget.

Also, see the attached worksheet.

On Thursday, May 16, 2024, representatives from BCPSS came before the committee to give an overview of their budget for the next fiscal year; Fiscal Year 2025.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: **None.**

Information Source(s): Baltimore City Charter, Mayor and City Council Resolutions 23-0383 and 24-0523

Analysis by: Niya N. Garrett
Analysis Date: May 30, 2024

Direct Inquiries to (410) 396-1268

Revenues	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
City Of Baltimore	\$254,684,808	\$258,212,181	\$268,212,181	\$278,439,227	\$278,412,181	\$278,412,181	\$287,346,700	\$295,085,483	\$313,229,545	\$392,537,225	\$386,584,273
State of Maryland	\$910,753,521	\$902,476,953	\$869,934,442	\$855,053,361	\$851,005,354	\$851,655,194	\$905,074,789	\$904,950,218	\$1,112,473,143	\$1,111,456,108	\$1,162,114,885
Fund Balance	\$27,526,157	\$25,000,000	\$53,570,964	\$20,727,950	\$15,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$15,300,000	\$17,500,000	\$21,173,697	\$5,675,290	\$22,508,410
Federal	\$139,612,583	\$143,692,414	\$151,691,325	\$152,095,667	\$163,625,417	\$164,193,284	\$173,814,823	\$169,117,720	\$166,787,598	\$187,867,811	\$204,740,437
Other	\$8,365,472	\$10,033,702	\$8,423,497	\$7,426,593	\$6,395,000	\$6,383,279	\$7,124,000	\$7,124,274	\$7,124,559	\$7,327,995	\$10,837,488
Total Funds	\$1,340,942,541	\$1,339,415,250	\$1,351,832,409	\$1,313,742,798	\$1,314,437,952	\$1,322,643,938	\$1,388,660,312	\$1,393,777,695	\$1,620,788,542	\$1,704,864,429	\$1,786,785,493

Capital Budget											
City of Baltimore	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$19,000,000	\$19,000,000	\$19,000,000	\$19,000,000	\$19,000,000	\$19,000,000
Alcohol Tax Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State of Maryland	\$27,561,000	\$36,800,000	\$37,500,000	\$37,303,000	\$52,553,000	\$26,570,000	\$27,769,000	\$26,978,000	\$29,276,000	\$29,276,000	\$25,807,862
Total Capital Budget	\$44,561,000	\$53,800,000	\$54,500,000	\$54,303,000	\$69,553,000	\$45,570,000	\$46,769,000	\$45,978,000	\$48,276,000	\$48,276,000	\$44,807,862

Revenues	FY2024	FY2025	Difference
City Of Baltimore	\$392,537,225	\$386,584,273	-2%
State of Maryland	\$1,111,456,108	\$1,162,114,885	5%
Fund Balance	\$5,675,290	\$22,508,410	297%
Federal	\$187,867,811	\$204,740,437	9%
Other	\$7,327,995	\$10,837,488	48%
Total Funds	\$1,704,864,429	\$1,786,785,493	5%

Capital Budget			
City of Baltimore	\$19,000,000	\$19,000,000	0%
Alcohol Tax Bill	\$0	\$0	0%
State of Maryland	\$29,276,000	\$25,807,862	-12%
Total Capital Budget	\$48,276,000	\$44,807,862	-7%

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 24-0523
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners
Introduced and read first time: May 16, 2024
Assigned to: Ways and Means Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: None

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners**
3 **for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025**

4 FOR the purpose of approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of
5 School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2025; providing for certification
6 of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; and providing for a special
7 effective date.

8 BY authority of
9 Article – Education
10 Section(s) 5-102
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2022 Replacement Volume)

13 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
14 following amounts or so much thereof as shall be sufficient are hereby approved from the
15 amounts estimated to be available in the designated funds during the fiscal year ending
16 June 30, 2025.

17 **Operating Budget**

18 **Baltimore City Public School System**

19 **General Fund Expenses:**

20 **Schools**

21	Education	\$	1,044,228,858
22	Total	\$	1,044,228,858

23 **Board of School Commissioners**

24	Education	\$	1,781,199
25	Total	\$	1,781,199

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1	Chief Executive Officer		
2	Education	\$	5,215,828
3	Total	\$	5,215,828
4	Office of Legal Counsel		
5	Education	\$	3,874,192
6	Total	\$	3,874,192
7	Chief of Communications & Community Engagement Officer		
8	Education	\$	6,266,613
9	Total	\$	6,266,613
10	Human Capital Officer		
11	Education	\$	9,202,788
12	Total	\$	9,202,788
13	Achievement and Accountability Office:		
14	Education	\$	4,585,982
15	Total	\$	4,585,982
16	Chief of Schools Office:		
17	Education	\$	27,655,795
18	Total	\$	27,655,795
19	Chief Academic Officer:		
20	Strategy and Compliance:		
21	Education	\$	4,647,328
22	Total	\$	4,647,328
23	Teaching and Learning:		
24	Education	\$	9,223,400
25	Total	\$	9,223,400
26	Secondary Success and Innovation:		
27	Education	\$	4,412,252
28	Total	\$	4,412,252
29	Specialized Services:		
30	Education	\$	57,575,050
31	Total	\$	57,575,050
32	Early Learning:		
33	Education	\$	1,691,376
34	Total	\$	1,691,376
35	Summary – Chief Academic Officer		
36	Education	\$	77,549,406
37	Total	\$	77,549,406

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1	Chief Operating Officer:		
2	Education	\$	102,523,614
3	Total	\$	102,523,614
4	Chief Financial Officer		
5	Education	\$	3,902,931
6	Total	\$	3,902,931
7	Chief Technology Officer		
8	Education	\$	20,303,049
9	Total	\$	20,303,049
10	Undistributed Fringe Benefits		
11	Education	\$	63,859,336
12	Total	\$	63,859,336
13	Debt Service		
14	Education	\$	15,513,659
15	Total	\$	15,513,659
16	Contingency Reserve		
17	Education	\$	6,500,000
18	Total	\$	6,500,000
19	Utilities		
20	Education	\$	32,000,000
21	Total	\$	32,000,000
22	General Funds Capital Projects		
23	Education	\$	20,000,000
24	Total	\$	20,000,000
25	External Assignments		
26	Education	\$	1,616,338
27	Total	\$	1,616,338
28	Vacancy Factor		
29	Education	\$	-10,000,000
30	Total	\$	-10,000,000
31	Total General Fund Expenses		
32	Education	\$	1,436,579,588
33	Total	\$	1,436,579,588

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1	<u>Special Revenue Fund Expenses</u>	
2	Title I Part A	\$ 71,446,963
3	IDEA Part B	\$ 25,948,996
4	IDEA Part B – Pre-School	\$ 689,835
5	Career and Technology Educations (Perkins)	\$ 1,931,623
6	Title IV Part A	\$ 5,160,883
7	Public Health Services Act - Aids	\$ 487,500
8	McKinney–Vento Homeless	\$ 596,000
9	Third Party Billing	\$ 7,900,000
10	Medical Assistance – Infants and Toddlers	\$ 15,000
11	Indian Education	\$ 23,025
12	Title I – Part D Neglected and Delinquent	\$ 311,887
13	Title I – School Improvement Grant (1003 a)	\$ 7,356,181
14	Title II – Part A Improving Teacher Quality	\$ 4,223,735
15	Title III - Part A Language Acquisition	\$ 1,131,274
16	Fine Arts Initiative	\$ 55,886
17	PTECH	\$ 423,000
18	Ready for Kindergarten R4K	\$ 256,729
19	Judy Hoyer – Moravia Park	\$ 660,000
20	Judy Hoyer – John Eager Howard	\$ 330,000
21	Judy Hoyer Enhancement	\$ 3,630,000
22	Concentration of Poverty	\$ 135,320,187
23	Struggling Learners	\$ 8,621,352
24	Strausberg Children’s Cable Education	\$ 221,896
25	Total Special Revenue Fund Expenses	\$ 276,741,952
26	Total Enterprise Fund Expenses	\$ 73,463,953
27	Total Baltimore City Public School System Expenses	\$ 1,786,785,493

28 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the foregoing amounts in summary are
 29 funded from the following sources:

30	City of Baltimore	\$ 386,584,273
31	State of Maryland	\$ 1,162,114,885
32	Federal	\$ 204,740,437
33	Fund Balance	\$ 22,508,410
34	Other	\$ 10,837,488
35	Total	\$ 1,786,785,493

36 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Capital Budget of Baltimore City
 37 Public School System consists of \$44,807,862 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Sources
 38 of these funds are \$19,000,000 from City of Baltimore General Obligation Bonds and
 39 \$25,807,862 from the State of Maryland.

40	Total Capital Projects	\$ 44,807,862
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1 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That when enacted, this Resolution shall be
2 certified to the State Superintendent of Schools.

3 **SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution takes effect July 1, 2024.