



## **BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

### *Mission Statement*

*On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City*, the mission of the Budget and Appropriations Committee is to analyze and oversee the continuing operations, efficiency, and functions of Baltimore City government.

The Committee provides regular oversight of the funding and spending practices of City agencies, periodically analyzes the budget reports and activities of those agencies, and maintains a high level of fiscal accountability in City government.

As a result of its analysis and oversight, the Committee will recommend reforms to improve the operations of any of these agencies; through legislative, administrative, and/or budgetary improvements.

**The Honorable Eric T. Costello  
Chairman**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY, 27, 2020  
3:02 PM**

**VIRTUAL "WEBEX" MEETING**

**TO BE TELEVISED ON CABLE TV 25**

***Council Resolution #17-0004R  
Budget Oversight Hearings for Baltimore City Public Schools***

***FISCAL YEAR 2020 PROJECTION***

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**BILL SYNOPSIS**

**Committee:** Budget and Appropriations

**City Council Resolution 17-0004R**

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**Budget Oversight Hearings for Baltimore City Public Schools**

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**Sponsor:** Councilmember Costello, et al

**Introduced:** January 9, 2017

**Purpose:**

For the purpose of calling on regular budget oversight hearings for Baltimore City Public Schools to improve transparency and accountability in the allocation of over a billion dollars in public funding for the vital task of educating Baltimore's children.

**Effective:** The Resolution will stay in force until the end of term; ongoing scheduled hearings

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**Agency Reports**

Baltimore City Public School System  
Department of Finance

Favorable  
Comments

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**Analysis**

**Current Law**

Baltimore City Code  
Article 1- City Council

§ 1-5. **Agencies to provide budget status reports.**

(a) *Reports required.*

On or before November 1, February 1, May 1, and August 1 each year, the City agencies so requested shall file quarterly budget status reports with the Budget and Appropriations Committee of the City Council. – Also see Mission Statement for the committee

(b) *Contents.*

Each report shall contain the information required by the Committee and be in the format requested.

(c) *Public hearing.*

The Committee may hold a public hearing for those agencies not reporting or those showing a projected deficit for the fiscal year.



## Background

Council Resolution 17-0004R calls upon the Committee to hold regularly scheduled budget oversight hearings with representative(s) from the Baltimore City Public School System.

The purpose for the oversight hearings is to enhance transparency and accountability for the allocation of public funding for educating the City's children.

### Past briefings were held on:

- February 21, 2017
- May 16, 2017
- November 14, 2017
- April 5, 2018
- May 17, 2018
- October 25, 2018
- November 15, 2018
- March 28, 2019
- May 29, 2019
- October 24, 2019, and
- December 12, 2019

### Following are notes taken at the December 12, 2019 briefing:

1. The Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO) from the BCPSS gave a brief PowerPoint presentation. **A copy of the presentation is attached.** Ms. Cox stated that the BCPSS's first quarter projection is not due until after December 31, 2019 because school starts in September each year. The first quarter ends on December 31, 2019 and the second quarter will end on March 31, 2020 and so on. However, she is prepared to present today based on data gathered through September 30, 2019 to fulfil the obligation of the Resolution. She also stated that seventy-one (71%) of the budget is for salaries and fringe benefits.
2. The committee/council members asked Ms. Cox questions, stated concerns and asked for verification/clarification for certain data and/or issues. Some highlights of same were:
  - **Per Pupil Data**
    - Is there any data available that shows the amount per pupil for how much is spent on instructional supplies and books? And, is there a requirement for how much is spent per pupil?
    - Comment: I am curious about how much is allocated per pupil when compared to other jurisdictions.
    - **Answer: Per Ms. Cox, she will research information and report back to the committee.**
3. No public testimony. Hearing called to recess. The hearing will reconvene on May 27, 2020.

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### Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes  No

If yes, describe.

1. See "yellow" highlighted areas above.
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**A committee vote is not necessary; this Resolution will stay active throughout the term.**

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### Additional Information

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): Notes from the December 12, 2019 hearing.

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Analysis Date: May 22, 2020

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**HANDOUT FROM THE**  
**December 12, 2019**  
**HEARING**

# BALTIMORE CITY --- PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## FY20 Q1 Quarterly Budget Briefing

*Baltimore City Council Budget Oversight Hearing*

Thursday December 12, 2019

Linda Chinnia  
Chair, Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners

Dr. Sonja Brookins Santelises  
CEO, Baltimore City Public Schools

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## **Purpose of the Presentation per City of Baltimore Council Bill 17-0004R**

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**For the purpose of calling for regular budget oversight hearings for Baltimore City Public Schools to improve transparency and accountability in the allocation of over a billion dollars in public funding for the vital task of educating Baltimore’s children.”**

## FY20 General Fund Revenue by Sources as of September 30, 2019 (Expressed in Thousands)

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Source	Estimated Revenue	Actual Revenue	Balance
State of Maryland	850,213	269,674	580,539
City of Baltimore	278,412	69,603	208,809
Federal Sources	5,400	145	5,255
Local Sources			
Interest earnings	250	2,614	(2,364)
Other Revenue	8,308	404	7,904
Other Financing Sources (Including Fund Balance Transfer)	22,000	-	22,000
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>1,164,583</b>	<b>342,440</b>	<b>822,143</b>

## FY20 General Fund Expenditures as of September 30, 2019 (Expressed in Thousands)

Category	Appropriations (incl. Carryover)	YTD September 2019 Expenditures	Encumbrances	Unencumbered Balance
Administration	62,808	12,362	15,015	35,431
Mid-Level Administration	74,061	20,352	3,739	49,970
Instruction	410,593	63,990	15,504	331,099
Special Education	193,231	23,822	19,355	150,054
Student Personnel Services	16,255	1,997	-	14,258
Student Health Services	144	-	-	144
Student Transportation	55,921	4,234	36,681	15,006
Operation of Plant	67,616	18,931	15,500	33,185
Maintenance of Plant	27,792	3,822	16,702	7,268
Capital Outlay	32,121	421	156	31,544
Debt Service	20,758	1,115	-	19,643
Fringe	240,419	23,299	(4)	217,124
Enrollment Adjustment	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,201,719</b>	<b>\$ 174,345</b>	<b>\$ 122,648</b>	<b>\$ 904,726</b>

## FY20 General Fund Expenditures as of September 30, 2019 (Expressed in Thousands)

Object	Appropriations (incl. Carryover)	YTD September 2019 Expenditures	Encumbrances	Unencumbered Balance
Salaries and Wages	615,136	91,206	-	523,930
Fringe Benefits	240,426	36,607	-	203,819
Contract Services	196,284	27,438	101,980	66,866
Textbooks	1,217	201	291	725
Instructional Supplies	8,623	1,512	3,987	3,124
Other Supplies and Materials	10,476	1,937	4,253	4,286
Utilities	34,084	10,764	8,642	14,679
Other Charges	35,180	191	305	34,684
Property	4,281	326	3,475	480
Principal & Interest	20,759	1,108	-	19,651
Indirect Cost Recovery	(3,131)	(352)	-	(2,779)
Transfers	34,811	3,407	(285)	31,689
Contingency Reserve	3,573	-	-	3,573
	<b>1,201,719</b>	<b>174,345</b>	<b>122,648</b>	<b>904,726</b>
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