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**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE**

Mission Statement

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023
2:01 PM**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Mayor and City Council Resolution 23-0383

**Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School
Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024**

BUDGET OVERVIEW – BCPS

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Ways and Means

Mayor and City Council Resolution: 23-0383

Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Sponsor: President Mosby at the request of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners
Introduced: May 15, 2023

Purpose:

For the purpose of approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2024; providing for certification of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; and providing for a special effective date.

Effective: Beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Agency Reports

Board of Estimates

Approved

Analysis

Current Law

Section 5-102 (Article – Education) of the Annotated Code of Maryland 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 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 paragraph applies to Baltimore County and supersedes paragraph (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

On Thursday, May 25, 2023, representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System will come before the committee to give an overview of their budget for next fiscal year; Fiscal Year 2024.

Also, see attached worksheet – Data for the past ten (10) years.

The representative(s) from Baltimore City Public Schools is also scheduled to come back before the committee/council members on June 1, 2023 to discuss their budget in more detail and answer any questions or concerns the committee/councilmembers may have regarding their budget.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): City Charter, Mayor and City Council Resolutions 22-0237 and 23-0383.

Analysis by: Marguerite M. Currin
Analysis Date: May 19, 2023

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Fiscal Note:	FY2014	FY 2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
City of Baltimore -	\$254,516,158	\$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
State of Maryland -	899,487,658	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
Fund Balance	15,000,000	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
Federal -	149,780,815	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
Other -	<u>4,444,196</u>	<u>8,365,472</u>	<u>10,033,702</u>	<u>8,423,497</u>	<u>7,426,593</u>	<u>6,395,000</u>	<u>6,383,279</u>	<u>7,124,000</u>	<u>7,124,274</u>	<u>7,124,559</u>	<u>7,327,995</u>
<u>Total Funds</u>	,323,228,827	\$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	\$107,864,429
Capital Budget											
City of Baltimore -	\$17,000,000	\$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
Alcohol Tax Bill -	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
State of Maryland -	<u>32,500,000</u>	<u>27,561,000</u>	<u>36,800,000</u>	<u>37,500,000</u>	<u>37,303,000</u>	<u>52,553,000</u>	<u>26,570,000</u>	<u>27,769,000</u>	<u>26,978,000</u>	<u>29,276,000</u>	<u>29,276,000</u>
Total Capital Budget	\$49,500,000	\$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

Difference FY24 vs. FY23		
City of Baltimore -	\$79.3 million	more than FY23
State of Maryland -	\$1.017 million	less than FY23
Fund Balance -	\$15.5 million	less than FY23
Federal -	\$21.1 million	more than FY23
Other -	Remained somewhat constant	
Overall Total.....	\$84.1 million	more than FY23
Capital Budget		
City of Baltimore -	Remained constant – no change	
State of Maryland	Remained constant – no change	

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 23-0383
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners
Introduced and read first time: May 15, 2023
Assigned to: Ways and Means Committee

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, 2024**

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 2024; 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, 2024.

17 **Operating Budget**

18 **Baltimore City Public School System**

19 **General Fund Expenses:**

20 **Schools**

21 Education	\$	1,038,620,032
22 Total	\$	1,038,620,032

23 **Board of School Commissioners**

24 Education	\$	1,714,784
25 Total	\$	1,714,784

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

Council Bill 23-0383

1	Chief Executive Officer		
2	Education	\$	4,589,049
3	Total	\$	4,589,049
4	Office of Legal Counsel		
5	Education	\$	3,372,978
6	Total	\$	3,372,978
7	Chief of Communications & Community Engagement Officer		
8	Education	\$	5,429,015
9	Total	\$	5,429,015
10	Human Capital Officer		
11	Education	\$	6,461,932
12	Total	\$	6,461,932
13	Achievement and Accountability Office:		
14	Education	\$	4,400,177
15	Total	\$	4,400,177
16	Chief of Schools Office:		
17	Education	\$	25,167,051
18	Total	\$	25,167,051
19	Chief Academic Officer:		
20	Strategy and Compliance:		
21	Education	\$	2,630,530
22	Total	\$	2,630,530
23	Teaching and Learning:		
24	Education	\$	9,579,894
25	Total	\$	9,579,894
26	College and Career Readiness:		
27	Education	\$	3,527,835
28	Total	\$	3,527,835
29	Specialized Services:		
30	Education	\$	57,620,495
31	Total	\$	57,620,495
32	Summary – Chief Academic Officer		
33	Education	\$	73,358,754
34	Total	\$	73,358,754
35	Chief Operating Officer:		
36	Education	\$	98,096,054
37	Total	\$	98,096,054

Council Bill 23-0383

1	Chief Financial Officer		
2	Education	\$	3,375,113
3	Total	\$	3,375,113
4	Chief Technology Officer		
5	Education	\$	17,478,510
6	Total	\$	17,478,510
7	Fringe Benefits		
8	Education	\$	53,861,841
9	Total	\$	53,861,841
10	Debt Service		
11	Education	\$	21,343,159
12	Total	\$	21,343,159
13	Contingency Reserve		
14	Education	\$	4,408,143
15	Total	\$	4,408,143
16	Utilities		
17	Education	\$	32,000,000
18	Total	\$	32,000,000
19	General Funds Capital Projects		
20	Education	\$	20,000,000
21	Total	\$	20,000,000
22	External Assignments		
23	Education	\$	1,381,211
24	Total	\$	1,381,211
25	Vacancy Factor		
26	Education	\$	-10,000,000
27	Total	\$	-10,000,000
28	Total General Fund Expenses		
29	Education	\$	1,405,057,803
30	Total	\$	1,405,057,803
31	<u>Special Revenue Fund Expenses</u>		
32	Maryland Advancing Wellness	\$	400,000
33	Title I Part A	\$	71,441,117
34	IDEA Part B	\$	25,504,373
35	IDEA Part B – Pre-School	\$	801,209
36	Career and Technology Educations (Perkins)	\$	1,907,536
37	Title IV Part A	\$	5,508,101

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Public Health Services Act - Aids	\$	280,000
McKinney–Vento Homeless	\$	230,000
Third Party Billing	\$	7,900,000
Medical Assistance – Infants and Toddlers	\$	15,000
Indian Education	\$	23,025
Title I – Part D Neglected and Delinquent	\$	311,887
Title II – Part A Improving Teacher Quality	\$	4,599,740
Title III - Part A Language Acquisition	\$	980,560
Fine Arts Initiative	\$	55,886
PTECH	\$	319,750
Ready for Kindergarten R4K	\$	133,440
Judy Hoyer – Moravia Park	\$	660,000
Judy Hoyer – John Eager Howard	\$	330,000
Judy Hoyer Enhancement	\$	2,640,000
Concentration of Poverty	\$	98,714,947
Struggling Learners	\$	13,115,840
Strausberg Children’s Cable Education	\$	213,195

Total Special Revenue Fund Expenses \$ **236,745,606**

Total Enterprise Fund Expenses \$ **63,061,020**

Total Baltimore City Public School System Expenses..... \$ **1,704,864,429**

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

City of Baltimore	\$	392,537,225
State of Maryland	\$	1,111,456,108
Federal	\$	187,867,811
Fund Balance	\$	5,675,290
Other	\$	7,327,995

Total \$ **1,704,864,429**

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Capital Budget of Baltimore City Public School System consists of \$48,276,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Sources of these funds are \$19,000,000 from City of Baltimore General Obligation Bonds and \$29,276,000 from the State of Maryland.

Total Capital Projects..... \$ **48,276,000**

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That when enacted, this Resolution shall be certified to the State Superintendent of Schools.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution takes effect July 1, 2023.