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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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022
10:30 AM**

VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETING

Legislative Oversight #LO 21-0003

**Budget Briefing – Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS) – 2nd Quarter
Projection**

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LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

Committee: Ways and Means

Legislative Oversight # LO 21-0003

Budget Briefing – Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS)

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.

Agencies/Organizations Reporting

Bureau of Budget & Management Research	Robert (Bob) Cename
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Current Law

Baltimore City Code – Article 1, Subtitle 1-City Council, Sections 1-5 and 1-6

§ 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.

(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.

(d) "City agency" defined

The words "City agencies" include the City trustees and all City sponsored and financed nonprofit corporations.

(City Code, 1976/83, art. 1, §5.) (Ord. 72-211; Ord. 77-333; Ord. 81-568; Ord. 82-753.)

§ 1-6. Agencies to provide legislative information.

It shall be the duty of the head of every City department or bureau established by the Baltimore City Charter or by ordinance to provide all technical materials, plats, drawings, and information that are requested by any member or the President of the City Council for the purpose of introducing legislation into the Council.

(City Code, 1976/83, art. 1, §6.) (Ord. 76-080.)

Background

Representative(s) from the **Baltimore City Public Schools** came before the committee on November 9, 2021, to discuss their first quarter projection for this fiscal year; July 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021.

Following are notes from that hearing

The Acting Budget Director, Courtenay Desabaye, gave a PowerPoint presentation. **A copy is attached.**

1. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns and made comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion and/or concern were:
 - i. Utilities
 1. Do each school pay their utility costs or are all utility bills paid through the Central office? **Answer: Through the Central Office**
 - ii. Projection
 1. Does this projection include federal funds? **Answer: No, the projection is for general funds only**
 - iii. School Maintenance
 1. Have you looked at how much each school needs for maintenance and/or for upkeep?
 2. School maintenance and upkeep is of concern
 3. **Requested by Member Stokes: Provide a list of each school's maintenance budget. Answer: Will connect you with our Chief Financial Officer**
2. On February 8, 2022, representative(s) from BCPS will come before the committee to discuss their second quarter projection for this fiscal year; October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The fiscal year ends on June 30, 2022.
3. **Also attached is the Capital Improvement Program for BCPS for 2023 through 2028.**

Was further study requested? **Yes**

1. **See "yellow" highlight above – Per Councilmember Stokes.**

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: A PowerPoint presentation will be given by BBMR during the hearing.

Information Source(s): Baltimore City Code and hearing notes from the last budget briefing held on November 9, 2021.

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Date: February 3, 2022

PowerPoint Presentation

Shown at

the

November 9, 2021

Budget Briefing - BCPS

See Attached



BALTIMORE CITY

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FY 2022 Q1 Quarterly Budget Briefing
Presentation to Baltimore City Council Ways & Means Committee
November 9, 2021

Dr. Sonja Brookins Santelises
Chief Executive Officer, Baltimore City Public Schools

Christopher J. Doherty ,Chief Financial Officer
Courtenay W. Desabaye, Acting Budget Director






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FY 2022 General Fund Revenue by Sources as of September 30, 2021 (Expressed in Thousands)

Source	Estimated Revenue	Actual Revenue	Balance
State of Maryland	857,120	280,693	576,427
City of Baltimore	293,955	68,827	225,128
Federal Sources	5,400	671	4,729
Local Sources			
Interest earnings	1,000	(558)	1,558
Other Revenue	9,440	702	8,738
Other Financing Sources (Including Fund Balance Transfer)	15,300	-	15,300
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources	1,182,215	350,335	831,880

FY 2022 General Fund Expenditures as of September 30, 2021 (Expressed in Thousands)

Category	FY2022 Budget	YTD September 2021 Expenditures	Encumbrances	Unencumbered Balance
Administration	55,081	13,423	8,738	32,920
Mid-Level Administration	75,173	19,620	1,757	53,796
Instruction	418,053	70,025	(4,298)	352,326
Special Education	191,902	20,255	6,176	165,471
Student Personnel Services	14,946	1,773	-	13,173
Student Health Services	53	-	-	53
Student Transportation	49,902	3,661	12,604	33,637
Operation of Plant	61,447	9,927	15,040	36,480
Maintenance of Plant	30,055	4,503	9,537	16,015
Capital Outlay	32,627	10,562	(39)	22,104
Debt Services	20,348	1,087	-	19,261
Fringe	232,628	36,975	-	195,653
Total Expenditures	1,182,215	191,811	49,515	940,889

FY 2022 General Fund Expenditures as of September 30, 2021 (Expressed in Thousands)

Object	FY2022 Budget	YTD September 2021 Expenditures	Encumbrances	Unencumbered Balance
Salaries and Wages	641,533	106,801	-	534,732
Fringe Benefits	232,630	36,975	-	195,655
Contractual Services	179,084	30,954	42,827	105,303
Material and Supplies	15,656	3,119	(2,938)	15,475
Utilities and Other Charges	62,795	11,559	9,200	42,036
Equipment	4,603	915	426	3,262
Debt Services	20,348	1,087	-	19,261
Transfers	22,768	401	-	22,367
Contingency Reserve	2,798	-	-	2,798
Total Expenditures	1,182,215	191,811	49,515	940,889

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BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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BCPS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PLAN

FISCAL YEARS
2023 THRU 2028

Approved by Board of Estimates

See Attached

AGENDA

BOARD OF ESTIMATES

11/17/2021

Department of Planning – Baltimore City Public School System Capital Improvement Program for FY 2023 – 2028

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to **NOTE** the report of the Planning Commission on the Baltimore City Public School System's (BCPSS) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2023-2028.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$750,313,000.00 - FY 2023-2028 in State funding
\$114,000,000.00 - Local General Obligation (GO) bonds for
FY 2023-2028
\$ 53,898.00 - FY 2023 State funding
\$ 19,000,000.00 - Local GO bond for FY23

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

Annually the BCPSS must submit an updated and detailed CIP for the upcoming fiscal year and the following five years to the State of Maryland. This CIP submission receives approval from the Board of School Commissioners, the City of Baltimore Planning Commission, Board of Finance, and the Board of Estimates.

On October 7, 2021, the Planning Commission approved the BCPSS CIP for FY 2023-2028.

The requested funding will complete the much larger 21st Century Schools initiative by providing funding for critical systemic improvements, such as fire alarms, HVAC systems, and other urgent needs in schools that are not currently funded through 21st Century Schools. It will also allow for the renovation and replacement of additional schools to take place. The Board of Estimates' support of this plan will assist the BCPSS' effort to provide enhanced learning environments and improve educational opportunities for the children of Baltimore City.

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BOARD OF ESTIMATES

11/17/2021

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSED FY 2023- 2028 CIP	FY2023	FY2023	FY2024	FY2024	FY2025	FY2025	FY2026	FY2026	FY2027	FY2027	FY2028	FY2028	Total
	State	Local	State	Local	State	Local	State	Local	State	Local	State	Local	
Systemic Renovations	29,648	14,000	90,000	9,893	90,000	11,961	100,000	15,700	100,000	18,500	100,000	18,500	598,202
Armistead Gardens PK-8	10,000	1,250	10,000	1,500	12,161	1,427							36,338
Maree G. Farring	2,250	1,000	3,504	2,607									9,361
Furley	7,000	2,250	8,000	2,500	7,446	3,112							30,308
Northeast	5,000		5,000		7,104								17,104
Benjamin Franklin	LP		20,000	1,000	30,000	1,000	26,800	1,200					
Edmondson	LP		20,000	1,000	30,000	1,000	30,000	1,600	6,400				
Programmatic Space Upgrades	0	500	0	500		500		500		500		500	3,000
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Totals	53,898	19,000	156,504	19,000	176,711	19,000	155,800	19,000	106,400	19,000	100,000	19,000	864,313

Total Local: 114,000
 Total State: 750,313
 Total Federal: None

Note: Numbers are in thousands

AGENDA

BOARD OF ESTIMATES

11/17/2021

Board of Finance – Baltimore City Public School System Capital Improvement Program FY 2023 – 2028

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS) Fiscal Year 2023 – 2028 Capital Improvement Program.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

Procedures for administration of the school capital program require that the BCPSS submit annually an updated detailed capital program for the upcoming year and ensuing five fiscal years to the State Interagency Committee on School Construction. As a condition of receiving State school construction aid, the BCPSS is required to submit the CIP by the end of November of each year.

This action requires the approval of this program by the appropriate local governing body. As a condition of gaining approval of this local government, a review process has been established that includes the School Board, Planning Commission, Board of Finance, and the Board of Estimates, to serve as the means by which the Mayor will support and endorse the program.

The Board of Finance, at a scheduled meeting on October 25, 2021, considered and endorsed the FY 2023 Capital Budget totaling \$72,898,000.00 and the FY 2023-2028 CIP totaling \$864.313,000.00. The annual program distribution are as follows:

**BCPSS Fiscal Year 2023 – 2028
Capital Improvement Plan (\$000)**

Source/FY	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
State	53,898	156,504	176,711	156,800	106,400	100,000	750,313
City	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	114,000
Total	72,898	175,504	195,711	175,800	125,400	119,000	864,313