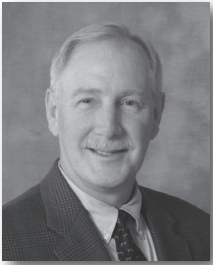




FY2010 Budget in Brief

The Superintendent's Recommended Budget



There is no question that the coming year will be the toughest fiscal year in recent memory not only for our school system, but for our county and our state. Like other agencies, we at Anne Arundel County

We administered 48 percent more Advanced Placement exams last year than in 2006. When it comes to the percentage of our current high school seniors who have met the HSA requirements for graduation, we are the best of the state's five largest jurisdictions and eight points above the state average.

This budget proposal is austere. The \$977.4 million operating budget I am recommending to the Board of Education contains only \$3.6 million in program enhancements, the lowest in ten years. Of the total increase of \$46.1 million, over \$42.5 million is allocated to fixed costs such as utilities, health insurance premiums, debt service, and the full funding of our negotiated agreements. There are, however, no compensation increases for senior or executive staff members or for myself. Across the system, there are no new positions in this budget. That will result in some increases in class size as we work through this difficult time.

Public Schools must adjust to these tight financial times. We will make changes in the way we do business, but we will not be deterred from our Journey To Greatness, our mission to become the best school system in the state and one of the best in the nation.

The Journey to Greatness:

Believing in the Greatest Potential of Every Child

Because of the work of thousands of dedicated and passionate employees, concerned and engaged parents, community and business partners, our Board of Education, and, of course, our students, we are a better school system today than we were a year ago. For the first time, all 12 of our comprehensive high schools made state Adequate Yearly Progress targets. Overall, 100 of our 109 comprehensive schools made AYP. Our scores on the MSA and HSA exams continue to rise, and the increased scores of our African-American students is particularly encouraging. In special education, we continue to be among the leaders in the state as well. Our Alt-MSA math scores are tops among Maryland's five largest jurisdictions.

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) magnet program we launched at North County High School this year adds to our programs of rigor and relevance and gives students more public school choice than ever before. It, like our new Homeland Security signature program at Meade High School, also furthers key partnerships with community and business groups as well as government agencies.

The program enhancements include the implementation of a new middle school schedule, opening a second STEM magnet program at South River High School, and launching our county's first Performing and Visual Arts magnet program at Bates Middle School. They also include the purchase of a critical new student information system to replace our antiquated system, which will no longer be supported by the vendor after this year.

Unfortunately, fiscal concerns will cause us to delay some programs and initiatives, but they will not be an excuse to deter us from our mission. I believe in my heart that we have all the ingredients necessary to get where we want to go.

This will be, to be sure, a very challenging year. But I believe we are up to the challenge. I believe that together, we will continue our progress, our Journey To Greatness. Thank you for being a part of our journey.

Kevin M. Maxwell, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

Approved FY2009 Operating Budget

931,302,700

Negotiated agreements & employee benefits	36,338,444
Contractual obligations & program maintenance	5,472,377
Program enhancements to increase academic achievement	3,552,257
Total General Fund Increases	45,363,078

Restricted Fund Increases 713,100

Net Increase (4.9%)

46,076,178

Superintendent's Recommended FY2010 Operating Budget

977,378,878

Expenditures

Special Revenue Fund – \$24,490,000

Debt Service – \$35,936,300

Land, Building & Equipment – \$3,433,120

Other Charges – \$40,821,578

Supplies & Materials – \$25,286,185

Contracted Services – \$81,752,604

Salaries, Wages & Benefits – \$765,659,091

Revenues

Local Funds

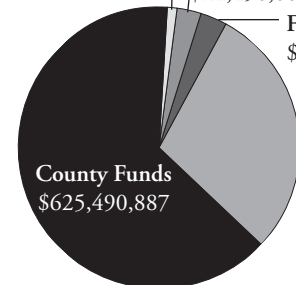
\$9,606,991

Special Revenue Funds
\$24,490,000

Federal Funds
\$33,175,400

State Funds
\$284,615,600

County Funds
\$625,490,887



FY2010 Operating Budget Highlights

The program enhancement requests focus on supporting school needs for academic achievement. Included are:

Magnet and Signature Programs – \$1,700,881

Materials & equipment, stipends for training and transportation to implement the STEM program at South River High School and the Performing & Visual Arts program at Bates Middle School, as well as to continue the implementation of the STEM program at North County High School.

Student Information System – \$1,851,376

Software, consulting, and maintenance & service agreements to support the replacement of the student information system.

FY2010 Capital Budget Highlights

The capital budget differs from the operating budget in that it is structured in terms of projects. Each year, the school system is required to submit a six-year plan to the State of Maryland outlining new building requirements and renovation requests. Historically, state funding represents between 10 and 20 percent of the annual Capital Budget, with Anne Arundel County Government providing the balance. The following information reflects the proposed FY2010 Capital Budget:

Recurring Projects - \$49,035,000

These projects provide for student safety, ADA compliance, ongoing systemic facility improvements, and replacement of consumable goods such as textbooks, school furniture, and buses.

Major Capital Projects – \$163,746,000

There are 14 major construction projects including: Open Space Classroom Enclosures, Kindergarten Additions, Severna Park MS, Southgate ES, Overlook ES, Pershing Hill ES, Belle Grove ES, Phoenix Annapolis, Annapolis ES, Germantown ES, Folger McKinsey ES, Point Pleasant ES, Northeast HS, and Gym Additions. Other project requests focus on feasibility studies and planning/engineering services.

School Off-Site Projects - \$1,000,000

This budget category encompasses improvements to driveways, sidewalks, and additions to parking lots.

Recommended FY2010 Capital Budget Priority

1	Health & Safety	500,000
2	Security Related Upgrades	1,000,000
3	Open Space Classroom Enclosures	8,000,000
4	All Day K and Pre-K Additions	10,000,000
5	Building Systems Renovations 2011 (Systemics)	20,000,000
6	Maintenance Backlog Reduction	7,000,000
7	Roof Replacement	2,000,000
8	Textbooks	8,750,000
9	Relocatable Classrooms	1,500,000
10	Asbestos Abatement	1,000,000
11	Barrier Free Access	500,000
12	School Bus Replacement	650,000
13	Science Lab Modernizations	4,000,000
14	Severna Park MS–Revitalization	12,393,000
15	Southgate ES–Revitalization	3,999,000
16	Overlook ES–Revitalization	10,983,000
17	Pershing Hill ES–Replacement	15,953,000
18	Belle Grove ES–Modernization	10,219,000
19	Phoenix Annapolis–Modernization (@ Germantown)	1,386,000
20	Annapolis ES–Revitalization	8,014,000
21	Germantown ES–Replacement	10,644,000
22	Folger McKinsey ES–Revitalization	11,678,000
23	Point Pleasant ES–Revitalization	12,069,000
24	Northeast HS–Revitalization	32,743,000
25	Lothian ES–Feasibility Study/Design	1,085,000
26	Crofton ES–Feasibility Study/Design	1,068,000
27	Mills-Parole ES–Feasibility Study/Design	1,054,000
28	Rolling Knolls ES–Feasibility Study/Design	893,000
29	Benfield ES–Feasibility Study/Design	877,000
30	West Annapolis ES–Feasibility Study/Design	688,000
31	Gym Additions	6,000,000
32	Health Room Modifications	300,000
33	School Furniture	500,000
34	Upgrade Various Schools	400,000
35	Vehicle Replacement	350,000
36	Aging Schools	965,000
37	TIMS Electrical Upgrade	300,000
38	Auditorium Seating Replacement	600,000
39	Playground Equipment Improvements	300,000
40	Athletic Stadium Improvements	2,000,000
41	Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB)	420,000
Total Projects–Board of Education		212,781,000
School Off-Site Budget Category		
1	Driveway and Parking Lot Additions	750,000
2	Construction of Sidewalks and Walkways	250,000
Total Projects – Off-Site		1,000,000
Total FY 2010 Recommended Capital Budget		213,781,000

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Jan	13	Public Hearing; Glen Burnie HS, 7:00	May	1	County Executive's recommended Operating & Capital Budgets forwarded to County Council
	15	Public Hearing; Parham Building, 7:00			<i>County Council holds Public Hearings in mid-May</i>
	27	BOE Workshop – Parham Building, 6:00	June	1	County Council's deadline to approve final budgets
Feb	18	BOE approves proposed budget		17	BOE approval of Operating & Capital Budgets
Mar	1	Proposed Operating & Capital Budgets forwarded to County Executive	July	1	FY2010 Budgets implemented