

Chapter 1

The Superintendent's Recommended FY 2026 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2025–2030 Capital Improvements Program

The Impact of the Biennial CIP Process

In November 1996, the Montgomery County charter was amended by referendum to require a biennial, rather than annual, Capital Improvements Program (CIP) review and approval process. The total six-year CIP is now reviewed and approved for each odd-numbered fiscal year. For even-numbered fiscal years, only amendments are considered where changes are needed in the second year of the six-year CIP. Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 is an off-budget or amendment year. As a result, the biennial CIP process requires the county executive and County Council to consider amendments to the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP that request appropriations for the FY 2026 Capital Budget and that changes expenditures for the FY 2025–2030 out-years of the adopted CIP.

In an off-budget year, such as FY 2026, the following criteria are applied to MCPS amendment requests (in priority order):

1. Urgent school capacity need (i.e., Growth Policy (GP) considerations, unusually high utilization rate or seat deficit)
2. Urgent public safety concerns
3. Leveraging of state aid involved
4. Inflationary increases above 2.5 percent in projects that address school capacity
5. Inflationary increases above 2.5 percent in major capital projects and other projects

The County Council must still approve a capital budget in the off-budget fiscal year that includes appropriations for all projects. In a typical off-budget year, it is anticipated that very few changes will be made to the projects and amounts approved by the County Council for FYs 2026–2030.

Overview

The Board of Education's Requested FY 2025 Capital Budget and FY 2025–2030 Capital Improvements Program totaled \$1.999 billion, an increase of \$93.6 million more than the previously approved CIP. The county executive, in his *Recommended FY 2025 Capital Budget and the FY 2025–2030 Capital Improvements*

Program included \$1.908 billion for MCPS, a funding level that was \$91 million less than the Board of Education's request. The year by year expenditures were significantly reduced in FYs 2025–2028, with additional expenditures recommended in the last two years of the CIP. The county executive's recommendation for MCPS stated that "The Board's request continues to display a pattern in which it is consistently large in the first few years of the CIP and underfunded in the out-years. This leads to over-programming of other projects which are then repeatedly delayed once more traditional MCPS funding levels are requested in those years." This view also was shared during the January 18, 2024, Education and Culture Committee meeting, as well as the February 8, 2024, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

The recommended reductions in FYs 2025–2028 represented a total reduction of \$346.2 million, the highest reduction in recent history. Due to the significant year by year expenditure shortfall that existed between the Board of Education's request and the county executive's recommendation, the Montgomery County Council's Education and Culture Committee requested that MCPS submit a non-recommended reduction scenario to more closely align with the county executive's recommendation.

Therefore, adhering to the Education and Culture Committee's request, and, in light of the unprecedented reduction recommendation, two lists of non-recommended reductions to the *Board of Education's FY 2025 Capital Budget and the FY 2025–2030 Capital Improvements Program* were submitted. The first scenario reflected consistent funding levels over the six-year CIP for critical infrastructure such as heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) and roof replacement projects. In order to accomplish this and meet the county executive's recommended CIP, individual capital projects were removed completely from the Board of Education's request. The second scenario was a balance that maintained previously approved projects in the CIP with varying delays to completion dates.

On May 23, 2024, the County Council took final action on the FY 2025 Capital Budget and the FY 2025–2030 Capital Improvements Program. For MCPS, the adopted CIP totals \$1.853 billion, a decrease of \$145.7 million less than the Board of Education's request. The County Council's adopted CIP for MCPS reflected the first non-recommended reductions

scenario submitted to the Education and Culture Committee. Below is a summary of the adopted action:

- Include out-year expenditures in each of the fiscal years identified for the following countywide systemic projects:
 - » ADA Compliance—\$5.5 million in FYs 2027–2030
 - » Emergency Replacement—\$1.5 million in FYs 2027–2030
 - » Fire Safety Code Upgrades—\$2 million in FYs 2027–2030
 - » HVAC Replacement—\$35 million in FYs 2027–2030
 - » Relocatable Classrooms—\$5 million in FYs 2028–2030
 - » Sustainability Initiatives—\$5 million in FYs 2027–2030
- Remove all expenditures for the following addition projects:
 - » James Hubert Blake High School
 - » Paint Branch High School
 - » Mill Creek Towne Elementary School
- Maintain planning funds, delay construction to FY 2029, with a “to be determined” completion for the following Major Capital Projects:
 - » Damascus High School
 - » Eastern Middle School
- Remove all planning and construction funds, with a “to be determined” completion date for the following high school Major Capital Projects:
 - » Col. Zadok Magruder
 - » Thomas S. Wootton (site reconfiguration to remain on schedule)
- Maintain planning funds, delay construction funds two years for the following elementary school Major Capital Projects:
 - » Cold Spring
 - » Damascus
 - » Twinbrook
 - » Whetstone

In addition to the above, the County Council, as part of the adopted CIP, shifted expenditures for the Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Clusters Elementary School (new) Project to the out-years of the CIP; reduced expenditures in the out-years of the CIP for the Sustainability Initiatives Project and the Technology Modernization Project; and, reduced expenditures in FY2025 and FY2026 and removed all expenditures in the out-years for the Healthy Schools Project.

The Superintendent’s Recommended Amendments to the Capital Improvements Program

This document contains the recommended FY 2026 Capital Budget appropriation amounts and amendments to the FY 2025–2030 CIP expenditure schedules proposed by the

superintendent of schools for consideration and action by the Montgomery County Board of Education. As previously indicated, FY 2026 is an amendment year and, therefore, it is standard practice that the superintendent of schools recommends limited amendments. Unfortunately, the effects of the health pandemic—unprecedented rise in material prices, disruptions in the supply chain, and staffing shortages—continue to impact our capital improvements program. As a result, in order to maintain the completion dates of previously approved projects and address aging infrastructure, it is necessary to increase the adopted budgets for several individual capital projects, as well as an increase to the HVAC Replacement Project. While there are increases to multiple projects, the superintendent’s recommendation for the Amended FY 2025–2030 CIP reflects a reallocation of \$36.5 million in the Early Childhood Centers Project, a \$12 million reallocation in the Major Capital Projects—Elementary Project, a \$5 million reallocation in the Sustainability Initiatives Project, and a \$4 million reallocation in the Building Modifications for Program Improvements (BMPI).

The *Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2026 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2025–2030 Capital Improvements Program* is \$1.873 billion, the same amount as the adopted CIP. All projects are recommended to remain on schedule at their approved funding levels except::

- \$53 million increase to address construction cost increases, fit-out of auditoriums, teaching spaces, site amenities, and maintain the completion dates for the following projects:
 - » Crown High School (New)
 - » Northwood High School (Addition/Facility Upgrade)
 - » Charles W. Woodward High School (New)
- \$4.5 million increase to address the backlog of Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Condition (HVAC) projects that have been further impacted due to the rise in construction costs.
- \$36.5 million reallocation from the Early Childhood Centers Project.
- \$12 million reallocation from the Major Capital Projects—Elementary Project.
- \$5 million reallocation from the Sustainability Initiatives Project.
- \$4 million reallocation from the Building Modifications for Program Improvements (BMPI) Project.

While the Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2026 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2025–2030 Capital Improvements is the same dollar amount as the adopted CIP, a shortfall of state aid in the Charles W. Woodward High School Reopening project results in a funding gap of \$39.3 million. To address this shortfall, the superintendent recommends transferring \$17.7 million of balances from prior projects into the Woodward project, resulting in a funding gap of \$21.6 million. The superintendent’s recommendation requires \$21.6 million of local funds to address this funding gap. The prior projects and their amounts are as follows:

- \$7 million from the Building Modifications for Program Improvements Project
- \$5 million from the William Tyler Page ES Addition project
- \$3.4 million from the Westbrook ES Addition project
- \$1.3 million from the Takoma Park MS Addition project
- \$1 million from the Parkland MS Addition project

The summary table at the end of this chapter, titled “Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2026 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2025–2030 Capital Improvements Program,” (page 1-6) summarizes the superintendent’s recommendations for all projects. The first column in the table shows the projects grouped by high school cluster. The second column shows the County Council’s adopted action and the third column shows the superintendent’s recommendations for the Amended FY 2025–2030 CIP. It is important to note that many previously approved projects will be blank since they can proceed on their currently approved schedules. The last column shows the anticipated completion date for each project.

The next summary table includes all of the countywide projects approved by the County Council in the FY 2025–2030 CIP (page 1-9). The table also includes the superintendent’s recommendations for the Amended FY 2025–2030 CIP for these projects. The final two tables contain summary information regarding the appropriation and expenditure schedule for the FY 2026 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2025–2030 CIP (page 1-11) and the FY 2026 State CIP funding request for MCPS (page 1-12).

It is important to note that an appropriation differs from an expenditure. Once approved by the County Council, an appropriation gives MCPS the authority to encumber and spend money within a specified dollar limit for a project. If a project extends beyond one fiscal year, a majority of the cost of the project would need to be appropriated in order to award the construction contract. An expenditure, on the other hand, is a multi-year spending plan in the CIP that shows when county resources are expected to be spent over the six-year period.

Funding the Capital Improvements Program

The CIP is funded mainly from four types of revenue sources—county General Obligation (GO) bonds, state aid, current revenue, and Recordation and School Impact taxes. The amount of GO bond funding available for all county CIP projects is governed by Spending Affordability Guidelines (SAG) limits set by the County Council before CIP submissions are prepared. The amount of state aid available is governed by the rules, regulations, and procedures established by the state of Maryland Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) and by the amount of state revenues available to support the state school construction program. The amount of current revenue available to fund CIP projects is governed by county tax revenues and the need to balance capital and operating budget requests. In addition, the amount of Recordation and

School Impact taxes is governed by the amount collected by the county from the sale and refinancing of existing homes and, the construction of new residential development. All four types of revenue sources are discussed below.

General Obligation (GO) Bonds and Spending Affordability Guidelines (SAG)

In each fiscal year, the County Council must set Spending Affordability Guidelines (SAG) for the level of bonded debt it believes the county can afford. The guidelines are set following an analysis of fiscal consideration that shape the county’s economic health. It is not intended that the County Council consider the extent of the capital needs of the different county agencies at the time it adopts the SAG limits.

As the table below indicates, between FY 2005–FY 2011, the County Council steadily increased the SAG limits. However, for the FY 2011–FY 2016 Amended CIP, the County Council decreased the SAG limit by \$5 million in both FY 2011 and FY 2012 and decreased the six-year total to \$1.92 billion, a total reduction of \$30 million. This was the first time in nearly 20 years that the six-year total for SAG was reduced. During the County Council’s reconciliation process in May 2011, the \$320 million programmed for FY 2012 was reduced to \$310 million resulting in a six-year total of \$1.91 billion.

Fiscal Years	Spending Affordability Guidelines
FY 2005–2010	\$1.14 billion
FY 2005–2010 Amended	\$1.22 billion*
FY 2007–2012	\$1.44 billion
FY 2007–2012 Amended	\$1.65 billion*
FY 2009–2014	\$1.8 billion
FY 2009–2014 Amended	\$1.84 billion
FY 2011–2016 CIP	\$1.95 billion
FY 2011–2016 Amended	\$1.91 billion*
FY 2013–2018 CIP	\$1.77 billion
FY 2013–2018 Amended	\$1.77 billion*
FY 2015–2020 CIP	\$1.947 billion
FY 2015–2020 Amended	\$1.999 billion*
FY 2017–2022 CIP	\$2.040 billion
FY 2017–2022 Amended	\$2.04 billion*
FY 2019–2024 CIP	\$1.86 billion
FY 2019–2024 Amended	\$1.86 billion*
FY 2021–2026 CIP	\$1.77 billion
FY 2021–2026 Amended	\$1.77 billion*
FY 2023–2028 CIP	\$1.68 billion
FY 2023–2028 Amended	\$1.68 billion*
FY 2025–2030 CIP	\$1.68 billion

*Limits set during biennial process

For FY 2013, the County Council set the SAG limit at \$295 million for both FY 2013 and FY 2014, with a six-year total of \$1.77 billion, a decrease of \$140 million from the previously approved SAG limit. For FY 2014, an off-year of the CIP, the County Council, in February 2013, maintained the SAG limit that was approved in FY 2013. For FY 2015, the County Council set the SAG limits at \$295 million for both FY 2015 and FY 2016, with a six-year total of \$1.77 billion, the same totals for the last two budget cycles. The County Council, in February 2014, raised the limit to \$324.5 million for FY 2015 and FY 2016 and a six-year total of \$1.947 billion. In February 2015, an off-year of the CIP, the County Council increased the limit to \$1.999 billion, \$52 million more than the approved level.

For FY 2017, the County Council, set the SAG limit at \$340 million for both FY 2017 and FY 2018, with a six-year total of \$2.04 billion, an increase of \$41 million from the previously approved level. For FY 2019, the County Council set the SAG limit at \$330 million for FY 2019 and \$320 million in FY 2020, with a six-year total of \$1.86 billion, a decrease of \$180 million over the six-year period. For FY 2020 the County Council upheld the limit of \$1.86 billion for the six-year period that was set in February 2018. For FY 2021, the County Council set the SAG limit at \$320 million for FY 2021 and \$310 million for FY 2022, with a six-year total of \$1.77 billion, a decrease of \$90 million over the six-year period. In February 2020, the County Council upheld the limit of \$1.77 billion that was set in October 2019. In February 2021, the County Council upheld the SAG limit of \$1.77 billion for the amended six year period.

For FY 2023, the County Council set the SAG limits at \$300 million for FY 2023 and \$290 million for FY 2024, with a six-year total of \$1.68 billion, a decrease of \$90 million over the six-year period. In February 2022, the County Council upheld the SAG limit of \$1.68 billion that was set in October 2021. In February 2023, the County Council upheld the SAG limit of \$1.68 billion for the amended six-year period. For FY 2025, the County Council set the SAG limit at \$280 million for FY 2025 and FY 2026, with a six-year total of \$1.68 billion, the same amount as the previous two CIP budget cycles. In February 2024, the County Council maintained the SAG limit of \$1.68 billion approved in October 2023. In February 2025, the County Council can either lower the SAG limit by any amount or raise the limit by a maximum of 10 percent.

Recordation Tax and School Impact Tax

The two bills approved by the County Council in the spring of 2004, Bill 24-03, Recordation Tax—Use of Funds, and Bill 9-03, Development Impact Tax—School Facilities, dedicated and created significant current revenue sources to supplement the GO bond funding of the CIP. Bill 24-03, Recordation Tax—Use of Funds, dedicated the increase in the Recordation Tax adopted in 2002 for use in funding both GO bond eligible and current revenue funded projects in the CIP. Bill 9-03, Development Impact Tax—School Facilities, generates funds used for bond eligible projects

that increase school capacity through new schools, additions to schools, or the portion of Major Capital projects to schools that add capacity. Both of these bills are important because they will continue to provide significant current revenues in addition to GO bonds that will support the MCPS CIP.

State Funding

In the first 22 years of the State Public School Construction Program, from FY 1973 to FY 1994, the amount of state funding received by MCPS averaged \$13.7 million per year. In FY 1995 and FY 1996, the state funded approximately \$20 million per year, and in FY 1997, the state allocated \$36 million for Montgomery County. Using the \$36 million level of state funding as a benchmark, the County Council increased the levels of state aid assumed in the CIP. County efforts were again successful in FY 1998 and MCPS was allocated \$38 million in state aid for school construction projects. The county was even more successful in FY 1999, FY 2000, and FY 2001 with \$50 million, \$50.2 million, and \$51.2 million being allocated, respectively. The following table shows the amount of state aid received for the past 10 fiscal years.

For FY 2013, the state aid request was \$184.5 million. Of the \$184.5 million request, the FY 2013 state aid approved for MCPS was \$43.1 million, approximately \$141.4 million less than the amount requested, but approximately \$3 million more than the \$40 million assumed for FY 2013 in the FY 2013–2018 CIP. For FY 2014, the state aid request was \$149.3 million. Of the \$149.3 million request, the FY 2014 state aid approved for MCPS was \$35.09 million, approximately \$114.2 million less than the amount requested, and \$4.9 million less than the \$40 million assumed for FY 2014. For FY 2015, the state aid approved for MCPS was \$39.95 million, approximately \$122.95 million less than the amount requested, and \$50,000 less than the \$40 million assumed for FY 2015.

For FY 2016, the state aid request was \$147.99 million. The FY 2016 annual state aid approved for MCPS was \$39.84 million, approximately \$108.15 million less than the amount requested. MCPS also received an additional \$5.9 million in state aid for school construction projects due to the passage of the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems with Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms (EGRC) legislation approved by the Maryland General Assembly in April 2015. For FY 2017, the annual state aid approved for MCPS was \$38.4 million from the annual statewide allocation and \$11.7 million through the approved EGRC legislation for a total FY 2017 state aid allocation of \$50.1 million. For FY 2018, the state aid approved for MCPS was \$37.4 million from the annual statewide allocation and \$21.8 million through the EGRC legislation for a total FY 2018 state aid allocation of \$59.2 million. For FY 2019, the revised state aid request was \$118.2. The state aid approved for MCPS was \$33.8 million from the annual statewide allocation and \$25.9 million through the EGRC legislation for a total FY 2019 state aid allocation of \$59.7 million.

For FY 2020, the state aid request was \$113.8 million. The state aid approved for MCPS was \$32.8 million from the annual statewide allocation and \$25.9 million through the approved

EGRC legislation for a total FY 2020 state aid allocation of \$58.7 million, \$55.1 million less than the amount requested. For FY 2021, the state aid request was \$110.4 million. The state aid approved for MCPS was \$54.13 million, \$56.27 million less than the amount requested. Of the \$54.13 million, \$31.8 million was from the annual statewide allocation and \$22.3 million was through the approved EGRC legislation. For FY 2022, the state aid request was \$76.05 million. The state aid approved for MCPS was \$44.78 million, \$31.27 million less than the amount requested. Of the \$44.78 million, \$29.55 million was from the annual statewide allocation and \$15.23 million was through the approved EGRC legislation.

For FY 2023, the state aid request was \$229.45 million. The state aid approved for MCPS was \$243.75 million—\$36.03 million from the statewide annual allocation and \$207.72 million from the BTL funding allocation. Of the \$36.03 million from the annual statewide allocation, \$13.16 million was through the EGRC legislation. For FY 2024, the revised state aid request was \$167.19 million. The FY 2024 state aid approved for MCPS was \$157.79 million, \$96.20 million from the statewide annual allocation and \$61.59 million from BTL funding. Of the \$96.20 million from the annual statewide allocation, \$13.15 million was through the EGRC legislation. For FY 2025, the revised state aid request was \$246.3 million. Of the \$246.3 million, \$18.50 million was for 8 systemic roof and HVAC replacement projects, \$8.4 million was for the balance of construction funding for 1 project, \$63.39 million was for 5 projects that require construction funding, and \$156.04 million was for 2 projects that require both planning approval and construction funding. The FY 2025 state aid approved for MCPS was \$93.67 million, \$56.04 million from the statewide annual allocation and \$37.63 million from BTL funding. Of the \$56.04 million from the annual statewide allocation, \$13.8 million was through the EGRC legislation.

For FY 2026, the state aid request is \$53.32 million. This figure is based on current eligibility of projects approved by the County Council in May 2024. Of the \$53.32 million, \$28.59 million is for the balance of funding for one project, and \$34.73 million is for 8 systemic roofing and HVAC projects.

Current Revenue

There are some projects that are not bond eligible because the service or improvement covered by the project does not have a life expectancy that would be equal to or exceed the typical 20-year life of the bond funding the project. These projects must be funded with current revenue. There are three such projects in the MCPS CIP—Relocatable Classrooms, Technology Modernization, and Facility Planning. The same general current receipts are used to fund the county operating budget.

The Relationship between State and Local Funding

There are many countywide projects in the CIP that are not eligible for state funding. Federal mandates, such as projects to comply with the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, the *Clean*

Air Act, the *Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act*, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations on fuel tank management are not eligible for state funding. Neither are expenditures for land acquisition, fire safety code upgrades, improved access to schools, school security systems, and technology modernization.

The amount of state aid received for a capital project varies due to the state formulas used to calculate “eligible” expenditures. The use of the word “eligible” refers to expenditures the state will reimburse, based on state capacity and square foot formulas. The state does not consider what is required to completely fund a construction project. For example, land acquisition and classroom and support space needs beyond the state square foot formula are not considered eligible for state funding. All of these costs must be borne locally. In addition, design fees, as well as furniture and equipment costs are considered eligible, but at a much lower cost share percentage. In addition, the state discounts its contributions to local school systems based on the wealth of each jurisdiction. In the case of Montgomery County, the state will pay only 50 percent of eligible state expenses for MCPS projects.

Capital Budget and Operating Budget Relationship

The relationship between the capital and the operating budgets is a critical consideration in the overall fiscal picture for MCPS. The capital budget affects the operating budget in three ways. First, GO bond debt, required for capital projects, creates the need to fund debt service payments in the Montgomery County Government operating budget. The County Council considers this operating budget impact when it approves Spending Affordability Guidelines. Second, a portion of the capital budget request is funded through general current revenue receipts, drawing money from the same sources that fund the operating budget. Finally, decisions in the capital budget to build a new school or add to an existing school create operating budget impacts through additional costs for staff, utilities, and other services. Although the budget process separates the capital and operating budgets by creating different time lines for decision making, checks and balances have been incorporated into the review process to ensure compliance with Spending Affordability Guidelines.

**Superintendent's Recommended FY 2026 Capital Budget
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Summary Table¹**

Individual Projects	County Council Action May 2024	Superintendent's Recommendation	Anticipated Completion Date
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster			
Charles W. Woodward HS Reopening	Approved one-year delay of reopening due to extension of construction timeline.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for the interior fit-out of the auditorium and associated teaching spaces.	8/24 8/27
Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Cluster ES	Approved shift of planning funds to the out-years of the CIP.		TBD
Winston Churchill			
Crown HS (New)	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and also approved a transfer of \$5M to build out the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for the interior fit-out of the auditorium, teaching spaces, and site amenities.	8/27
Clarksburg Cluster			
Crown HS (New)	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and also approved a transfer of \$5M to build out the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for the interior fit-out of the auditorium, teaching spaces, and site amenities.	8/27
Damascus Cluster			
Crown HS (New)	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and also approved a transfer of \$5M to build out the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for the interior fit-out of the auditorium, teaching spaces, and site amenities.	8/27
Damascus HS—Major Capital Project	Approved shift of all construction expenditures to the out-years of the CIP.		TBD
Damascus ES—Major Capital Project	Approved FY 2025 appropriation for planning funds, but shifted construction expenditures to the out-years of the CIP.	Recommend a portion of the placeholder expenditures in the out-years be reallocated to other projects.	TBD
Downcounty Consortium			
Northwood HS Addition/Facility Upgrade	Approved and FY 2024 supplemental appropriation to accelerate the FY 2025 appropriation and also approved additional funds to complete this project.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for upgraded site amenities.	8/27
Charles W. Woodward HS Reopening	Approved one-year delay of reopening due to extension of construction timeline.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for the interior fit-out of the auditorium and associated teaching spaces.	8/24 8/27
Eastern MS—Major Capital Project	Approved shift of all construction expenditures to the out-years of the CIP.		TBD
Silver Spring International MS Addition			8/25
Highland View ES Addition			8/27
Piney Branch ES—Major Capital Project			TBD
Gaithersburg Cluster			
Crown HS (New)	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and also approved a transfer of \$5M to build out the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for the interior fit-out of the auditorium, teaching spaces, and site amenities.	8/27

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Walter Johnson Cluster			
Charles W. Woodward HS Reopening	Approved one-year delay of reopening due to extension of construction timeline.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for the interior fit-out of the auditorium and associated teaching spaces.	8/24 8/27
Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Cluster ES	Approved shift of planning funds to the out-years of the CIP.		TBD
Col. Zadok Magruder Cluster			
Richard Montgomery Cluster			
Crown HS (New)	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and also approved a transfer of \$5M to build out the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for the interior fit-out of the auditorium, teaching spaces, and site amenities.	8/27
Twinbrook ES—Major Capital Project	Approved FY 2025 appropriation for planning funds, but shifted construction expenditures to the out-years of the CIP.	Recommend a portion of the placeholder expenditures in the out-years be reallocated to other projects.	TBD
Northeast Consortium			
Burtonsville ES Replacement	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and a one-year acceleration of the completion date.		8/26
Greencastle ES Addition			8/25
JoAnn Leleck ES at Broad Acres Replacement	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and a one-year delay of the completion date due to an extension of construction timeline.		8/26
Northwest Cluster			
Crown HS (New)	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and also approved a transfer of \$5M to build out the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for the interior fit-out of the auditorium, teaching spaces, and site amenities.	8/27
Poolesville Cluster			
Crown HS (New)	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and also approved a transfer of \$5M to build out the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for the interior fit-out of the auditorium, teaching spaces, and site amenities.	8/27
Poolesville HS—Major Capital Project			8/24 8/25
Quince Orchard Cluster			
Crown HS (New)	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and also approved a transfer of \$5M to build out the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for the interior fit-out of the auditorium, teaching spaces, and site amenities.	8/27
Rockville Cluster			
Seneca Valley Cluster			
Crown HS (New)	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and also approved a transfer of \$5M to build out the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for the interior fit-out of the auditorium, teaching spaces, and site amenities.	8/27

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Sherwood Cluster			
Watkins Mill Cluster			
Crown HS (New)	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and also approved a transfer of \$5M to build out the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for the interior fit-out of the auditorium, teaching spaces, and site amenities.	8/27
Whetstone ES—Major Capital Project	Approved FY 2025 appropriation for planning funds, but shifted construction expenditures to the out-years of the CIP.	Recommend a portion of the placeholder expenditures in the out-years be reallocated to other projects.	TBD
Walt Whitman Cluster			
Charles W. Woodward HS Reopening	Approved one-year delay of reopening due to extension of construction timeline.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for the interior fit-out of the auditorium and associated teaching spaces.	8/24 8/27
Burning Tree ES (Accessibility Modifications)	Approved FY 2025 appropriation for planning funds.		TBD
Thomas S. Wootton Cluster			
Crown HS (New)	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and also approved a transfer of \$5M to build out the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation for the interior fit-out of the auditorium, teaching spaces, and site amenities.	8/27
Cold Spring ES—Major Capital Project	Approved FY 2025 appropriation for planning funds, but shifted construction expenditures to the out-years of the CIP.	Recommend a portion of the placeholder expenditures in the out-years be reallocated to other projects.	TBD
Other Educational Facilities			

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Countywide Projects	County Council Action May 2024	Superintendent's Recommendation	Anticipated Completion Date
ADA Compliance	Approved FY 2025 appropriation to continue this project.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation to continue this project.	Ongoing
Asbestos Abatement and Hazardous Materials Remediation	Approved FY 2025 appropriation to continue this project.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation to continue this project.	Ongoing
Building Modifications and Program Improvements	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and additional expenditures in the out-years.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation, below approved level, to be reallocated to other projects and to continue this project.	Ongoing
CESC Modifications	Approved FY 2025 appropriation to begin modifications to this facility.		TBD
Design and Construction Management	Approved FY 2025 appropriation to continue this project.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation to continue this project.	Ongoing
Early Childhood Centers	Approved FY 2025 appropriation to continue this project.	Recommend reallocation of funds from this project to other projects.	Ongoing
Emergency Replacement of Major Building Components	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and additional expenditures in the out-years.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation to continue this project.	Ongoing
Facility Planning	Approved FY 2025 appropriation to continue this project.		Ongoing
Fire Safety Code Upgrades	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and additional expenditures in the out-years.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation to continue this project.	Ongoing
Healthy Schools	Approved FY 2025 appropriation to continue this project.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation to continue this project.	Ongoing
HVAC Replacement/IAQ Projects	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and additional expenditures in the out-years.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation, beyond approved level, to continue this project.	Ongoing
Improved (SAFE) Access to Schools	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and additional expenditures in the out-years.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation to continue this project.	Ongoing
Major Capital Projects—Elementary	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and shifted placeholder expenditures to the out-years.	Recommend a portion of the placeholder expenditures in the out-years for Cold Spring, Damascus, Twinbrook, and Whetstone elementary schools be reallocated to other projects.	Ongoing
Major Capital Projects—Secondary	Denied FY 2025 appropriation and shifted planning and construction expenditures for four projects to the out-years.		Ongoing
Outdoor Play Space Maintenance Project	Approved FY 2025 appropriation to continue this project.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation to continue this project.	Ongoing
Planned Life Cycle Asset Replacement (PLAR)	Approved FY 2025 appropriation to continue this project.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation to continue this project.	Ongoing
Relocatable Classrooms	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and additional expenditures in the out-years.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation to continue this project.	Ongoing
Restroom Renovations	Approved FY 2025 appropriation to continue this project.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation to continue this project.	Ongoing
Roof Replacement/Moisture Protection Projects	Approved FY 2025 appropriation to continue this project.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation to continue this project.	Ongoing

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Countywide Projects	County Council Action May 2024	Superintendent's Recommendation	Anticipated Completion Date
School Security	Approved FY 2025 appropriation to continue this project.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation to continue this project.	Ongoing
Stormwater Discharge and Water Quality Management	Approved FY 2025 appropriation to continue this project.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation to continue this project.	Ongoing
Sustainability Initiatives	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and additional expenditures in the out-years.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation, below approved level, to be reallocated to other projects and to continue this project.	Ongoing
Technology Modernization	Approved FY 2025 appropriation and additional expenditures in the out-years.	Recommend FY 2026 appropriation to continue this project.	Ongoing

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**Superintendent's Recommended FY 2026 Capital Budget
and Amendments to the FY 2025-2030 CIP**

Project	FY 2026 Approp.	Total	Thru FY 2024	Remaining FY 2024	Total Six-Years	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Individual School Projects											
Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Clusters ES (New)		1,195			1,195				650	545	
Burtonsville ES Replacement		57,776	1,517	4,215	52,044	15,455	19,053	17,536			
Crown HS (New)*	20,000	219,252	10,711	5,274	203,267	30,613	40,719	78,358	48,577	5,000	
Greencastle ES Addition		18,495	1,061	5,599	11,835	6,445	5,390				
Highland View ES Addition		16,775	177	874	15,724	1,825	6,394	7,505			
JoAnn Leleck ES @ Broad Acres Replacement		66,682	2,053	14,830	49,799	16,444	17,355	16,000			
Northwood HS Addition/Facility Upgrade*	5,000	213,076	9,510	32,512	171,054	43,909	40,891	46,254	40,000		
William Tyler Page ES Addition		25,168	18,124	5,044	2,000	2,000					
Silver Spring International MS Addition		28,140	9,432	3,554	15,154	10,154	5,000				
Charles W. Woodward HS Reopening*	28,000	224,095	88,458	5,851	129,786	26,890	20,896	37,000	30,000	15,000	
Countywide Projects											
ADA Compliance: MCPS	1,200	75,993	27,025	12,568	36,400	7,200	7,200	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Asbestos Abatement	1,145	26,970	19,414	686	6,870	1,145	1,145	1,145	1,145	1,145	1,145
Building Modifications and Program Improvements*	4,000	134,603	73,107	17,496	44,000	8,000	4,000	8,000	8,000	7,000	9,000
CESC Modifications		5,000			5,000	2,500	2,500				
Design and Construction Management	5,500	118,375	83,809	1,566	33,000	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Early Childhood Centers*		21,000		10,000	11,000			5,000	6,000		
Emergency Replacement of Major Building Components	1,500	12,000	1,100	1,900	9,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Facility Planning: MCPS		18,787	12,508	2,479	3,800	1,350	1,050	350	350	350	350
Fire Safety Upgrades	2,317	35,502	21,043	1,825	12,634	2,317	2,317	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Healthy Schools	2,000	5,370			5,370	2,685	2,685				
HVAC Replacement*	39,500	380,521	107,025	58,996	214,500	35,000	39,500	35,000	35,000	33,000	37,000
Improved (Safe) Access to Schools/County Bicycle Initiative	3,500	47,510	19,606	6,904	21,000	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Major Capital Projects Elementary*		288,914	150,845	7,255	130,814	33,527	2,287			35,000	60,000
Major Capital Projects Secondary		401,993	59,426	78,649	263,918	64,798	54,217			42,267	102,636
Outdoor Play Space Maintenance	450	8,750	5,475	575	2,700	450	450	450	450	450	450
Planned Life-Cycle Asset Replacement (PLAR)	12,000	225,434	144,749	16,685	64,000	12,000	12,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Relocatable Classrooms	5,000	114,561	78,971	5,590	30,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Restroom Renovations	6,000	59,158	32,134	3,024	24,000	6,000	6,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Roof Replacement/Moisture Protection Projects	12,000	151,575	72,756	22,819	56,000	12,000	12,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
School Security	4,000	77,672	49,101	12,571	16,000	4,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Stormwater Discharge and Water Quality Management	1,200	19,615	11,533	882	7,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Sustainability Initiatives*	5,000	45,151	2,745	7,406	35,000	10,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Technology Modernization	28,346	599,082	412,469	17,019	169,594	27,248	28,346	28,500	28,500	28,500	28,500
Total Recommended CIP	187,658	3,744,190	1,525,884	364,648	1,853,658	400,655	357,095	333,298	250,872	220,457	291,281

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A shortfall of state aid in the Charles W. Woodward HS Reopening project results in a funding gap of \$39.3M. To address this shortfall, the superintendent recommends transferring \$17.7M of balances from prior projects into the Woodward project, resulting in a funding gap of \$21.6M. The superintendent's recommendation requires \$21.6M of local funds to address this funding gap. This can be seen in the table below.

Charles W. Woodward HS Reopening Recommended Revenue Changes

Project	Total
State Aid Shortfall for Charles W. Woodward HS Reopening	-39,299
Available Funds from Prior Projects	17,700
Remaining State Aid Shortfall	-21,599
Local Funding Recommended after Transfers	21,599

Requested FY 2026 State Capital Improvements Program for Montgomery County Public Schools

(figures in thousands)

Priority No.	BTL - Y/N	PFA - Y/N		Total Estimated Costs	Non PSCP Funds	Prior IAC Funding	FY 2026 Request for Funding
1	N	Y	Westland MS HVAC Replacement	13,500	6,750	0	6,750
2	N	Y	Springbrook HS HVAC Replacement (Phase 2)	7,500	3,750	0	3,750
3	N	Y	Walt Whitman HS HVAC Replacement (Phase 3)	7,000	3,500	0	3,500
4	N	Y	Judith A. Resnik ES HVAC Replacement	7,000	3,500	0	3,500
5	N	Y	A. Mario Loiederman MS HVAC Replacement	4,500	2,250	0	2,250
6	N	Y	DuFief ES Roof Replacement	3,614	1,807	0	1,807
7	N	N	James Hubert Blake HS Roof Replacement	3,366	1,683	0	1,683
8	N	Y	Harmony Hills ES Roof Replacement	2,984	1,492	0	1,492
			Subtotal	49,464	24,732	0	24,732
			Construction Funding				
9	Y	Y	JoAnn Leleck ES at Broad Acres (Replacement)*	66,682	58,634	8,048	0
10	C**	Y	Crown HS (New)*	199,252	100,971	69,689	28,592
			Subtotal	265,934	159,605	77,737	28,592
			TOTAL	315,398	184,337	77,737	53,324

*BTL funding for these projects were approved after the FY 2025 Educational Facilities Master Plan publication.

**Combined annual allocation and BTL funding.