ALL TOGETHER NOW

2022-2023 Annual Report to the Community

A summary of stories and highlights from the 2022-2023 academic school year.

Maryland's Largest School District



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential



VISION

We inspire learning by providing the greatest public education to each and every student.

MISSION

Every student will have the academic, creative problem solving, and social emotional skills to be successful in college and career.

CORE PURPOSE

Prepare all students to thrive in their future.

CORE VALUES

Learning Relationships Respect Excellence Equity

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A Message from the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools

Dear MCPS Community:

In the 2022-2023 school year, we continued our theme of "All Together Now." This collaborative approach has yielded much to celebrate, including significant gains in early literacy at the elementary level and continued progress toward college, career and community readiness throughout their experience in the district. Among our accomplishments:

- » Launched the Pathway to College, Career, and Community Readiness, a new structure of accountability to help families, students and teachers work together to ensure student success. The Pathway to College, Career, and Community Readiness helps identify students' strengths and areas of improvement to ensure each student receives the support they need.
- » \$262 million in scholarships awarded to the Class of 2023.
- » 25,195 students took rigorous Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes.
- » Number of dually enrolled students increased from 1,647 to 1,713.
- » 1,975 2023 graduates earned the Seal of Biliteracy.
- » Students completed more than 1.5 million hours in service learning.
- » All 25 high schools earned spots on the 2023 Best High Schools list published by U.S. News & World Report. Five ranked in the top 500 nationally, and nine were ranked in the top 30 in Maryland.
- » 92% of MCPS schools earned 3 or more stars on the 2023 Maryland School Report Card.
- » An antiracist system action plan in response to the findings from our Antiracist Audit was developed, marking a strong framework to remove the barriers that impact our most marginalized students and to foster a strong sense of belonging in MCPS.
- » 194 graduating seniors received Ruth and Norman Rales Patricia Baier O'Neill \$10,000 scholarships from the MCPS Educational Foundation.

» Dion Jones, a 3rd grade teacher at Fairland Elementary School, was one of 40 educators across the nation to receive the Milken Educator Award of \$25,000.

As we continued to work on supporting students in their academic success, especially coming out of the pandemic, we also worked hard to meet the social, emotional and mental health needs of students. Specifically, we developed student prevention and intervention strategies to target salient risk factors regarding substance use, chronic absenteeism and hate bias. Through large community forums, an attendance action plan, and a plan to address bullying and hate bias, we are working together to foster a safe, welcoming learning environment for all students in MCPS.

As we look ahead, we are grateful to be supported by a community committed to public education as evidenced by the record \$3.16 billion dollar operating budget, which will provide compensation increases for targeted support for our students coupled with additional support for our staff, and additional resources for our schools. Thank you for your support of our schools.

Sincerely,



Karla Silvestre, President Montgomery County Board of Education



Monifa B. McKnight, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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About MCPS

MCPS is very proud of our school system and the accomplishments of our students and staff. Our success is due to our hardworking professionals, our families and the support of our community.



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CORE VALUES

Learning

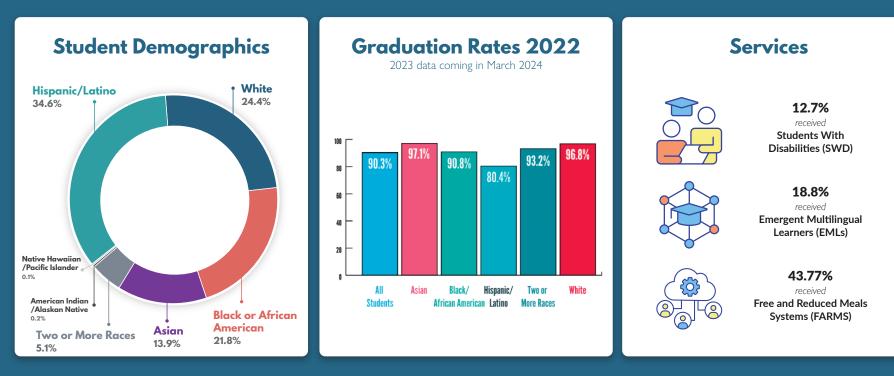
Relationships

Respect

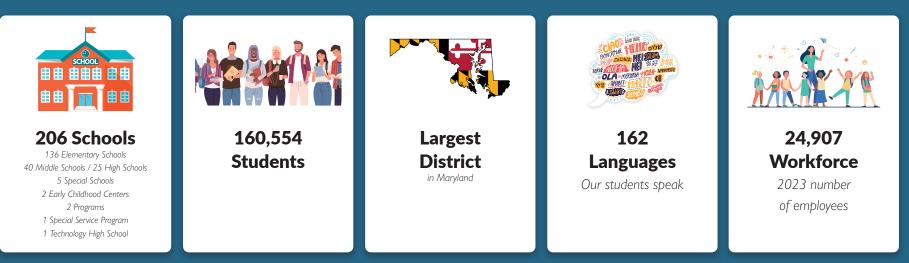
Excellence

Equity

MCPS Demographics 2022-2023



MCPS At a Glance 2022-2023



Board of Education Highlights

Summary of Changes: 2022-2023 School Year

Board of Education Policies and MCPS Regulations

The MCPS Board of Education engaged the Montgomery County community in a variety of planning and decision-making processes during the 2022-2023 school year. The Board of Education Policy Committee is proud of the work it has accomplished to support all students and families by taking action to amend three policies, add three new regulations and revise 13 policies.

Board of Education to Recognize 17 Individuals, Organizations for Distinguished Service

May 3, 2023 The Montgomery County Board of Education has announced its recipients for the 26th Annual Awards for Distinguished Service to Public Education. The awards were established by the Board of Education to recognize and show appreciation for exemplary contributions to public education and to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). Nominations were received from the general community, as well as community organizations, businesses, Board members and MCPS staff.



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Strategic Frameworks to Support Success for All Students



Pathway to College, Career, and Community Readiness

MCPS created a new guide to help families, students and teachers work together to ensure student success.

The Pathway to College, Career and Community Readiness helps identify students' strengths and areas of improvement to ensure each student receives the support they need.

Here's how it works:

- » The milestones described below will be used to address any learning gaps before students transition to a new grade level, college or the workforce.
- » Parents will receive information about whether their child is meeting or not meeting these specific benchmarks.
- » School staff, students and families will meet together to decide the best way to help the student succeed.
- » In addition to academic benchmarks, schools will also provide opportunities for students to cultivate core competencies and skills to prepare them for life after high school.

Antiracist System Action Plan

This Antiracist System Action Plan was presented to the Board of Education on May 11, 2023. The plan is designed to address the findings and recommendations from the Antiracist System Audit.

The Antiracist System Action Plan includes action steps and timelines, and is organized into three sections:

- » System-level Actions
- » Domain-specific Actions
- » School-level Actions

The plan has been developed to remove the barriers that impact our most marginalized students. It is designed to address the report's recommendation that the successful planning and implementation of a districtwide racial equity vision requires coherence, accountability, equity centered capacity building, continuous data collection and relational trust.

Antiracist System Action Plan

Antiracist stem Action Plan

Theory of Action



THEN WE WILL HAVE

Pathway to College, Career, and

- · Clarified expectations for what students and adults know and are able to do.
- Increased adult expertise.
- Improved student learning

In order to create a coherent approach to the district's racial equity work, MCPS first identified a theory of action that is grounded in racial equity and is aligned with a vision of excellent teaching and learning. This theory of action will drive our work across the district to ensure equitable outcomes for all students.

If schools differentiate resources to meet the needs of schools and communities...

Build staff capacity to create antiracist learning environments where all students learn and thrive...

Consistently use structures of accountability...

...then student outcomes will improve.

Strategic Plan

The MCPS strategic plan for 2022-2025 features three main areas of focus: academic excellence, well-being and family engagement, and professional and operational excellence.

Academic Excellence

- » Improve student achievement in literacy and mathematics
- » Increase the percentage of students graduating high school
- » Increase access to enriched and accelerated opportunities for underrepresented student groups
- » Increased Maryland College and Career Readiness rates
- » Improve completion rates to career and technical education programs
- » Increase postsecondary education enrollment
- » Increase career training opportunities for all students

Well-Being and Family Engagement

- » Promote positive, caring, and supportive district and school climates respectful of students and staff
- » Implement school-level practices to support effective behavioral health management systems
- » Implement culturally-responsive family engagement that promotes two-way communication

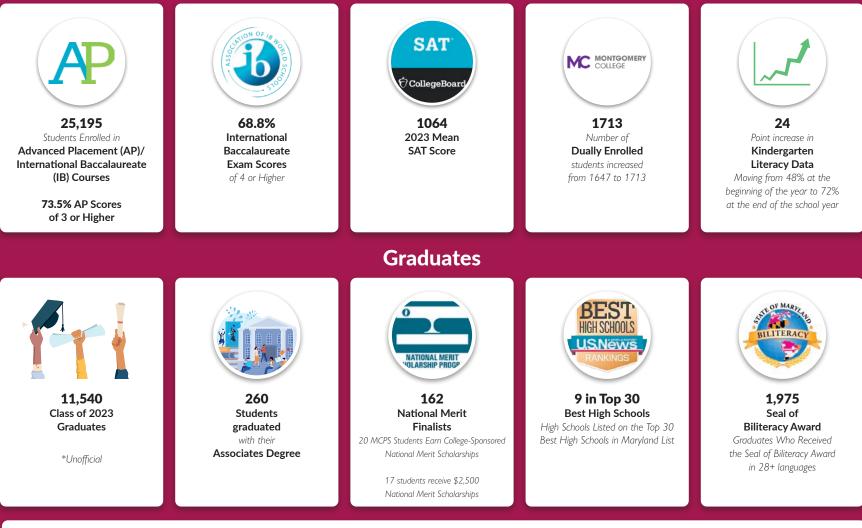
Professional and Operational Excellence

- » Increase professional learning for all staff to support equity, students social emotional well being through trauma informed practices, and to increase capacity for teaching
- » Improve the strategic recruitment strategy to increase high-quality workforce diversity and support the social emotional well-being of all students
- » Increase experienced and diverse principals and teachers serving in high-need schools
- » Increase connectivity and satisfaction with MCPS technology
- Connect the district's financial plan to the strategic plan with the goal of aligning all district resources and increase transparency
- » Continue to provide and maintain safe and clean facilities that ensure accessibility and support the learning environment

Academic Excellence

MCPS is committed to preparing all students for success in college, career and community. To do this, it is our responsibility to provide robust coursework, career opportunities and early access to college credit so students can be successful, whatever their path may be. MCPS will ensure that student outcomes are not predictable by race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status or educational need.

Performance





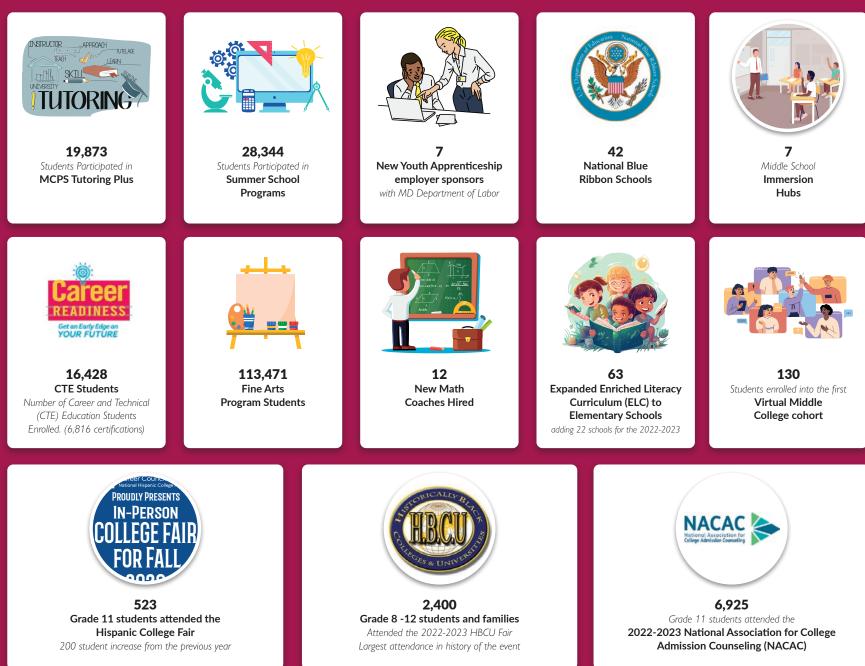
Class of 2023 students were offered at least one Scholarship





in Scholarships Total Offered to 2023 Graduates

Innovation



MCPS Teacher Wins Prestigious Milken Educator Award

MCPS teacher **Dion Jones** was surprised with the Milken Educator Award on Tuesday Jan. 10 at a vibrant school wide assembly. Jones, a third grade teacher at Fairland Elementary School is among up to 40 elementary educators across the nation who will receive the Milken Educator Award during the 2022-2023 school year and the only one in the state of Maryland.

Milken Educator Awards Senior Vice President Dr. Jane Foley, Maryland State Superintendent of Schools Mohammed Choudhury, MCPS Superintendent Dr. Monifa B. McKnight, Board of Education members, MCPS leadership, and principal Dr. Lakeisha D. Lashley all came together to present Jones with the prestigious recognition and the unrestricted \$25,000 cash prize to be used however he likes in front students and staff.

Clarksburg High School Educator named Teacher of the Year

Clarksburg High School Educator Named MCPS Teacher of the Year. **Shannon McKenzie**, child development teacher at Clarksburg High School, was named the 2023–2024 MCPS Teacher of the Year during a celebration at BlackRock Center for the Arts on April 24. She will now go on to compete for Maryland Teacher of the Year.

Well-Being and Family Engagement

Well-being and family engagement are an important part of student success. Key to this is supporting staff and students' social-emotional needs so that everyone is thriving emotionally and academically. Just as important for success is MCPS' commitment to culturally responsive communication that provides families information, access and relationships needed to support their children.

Programs



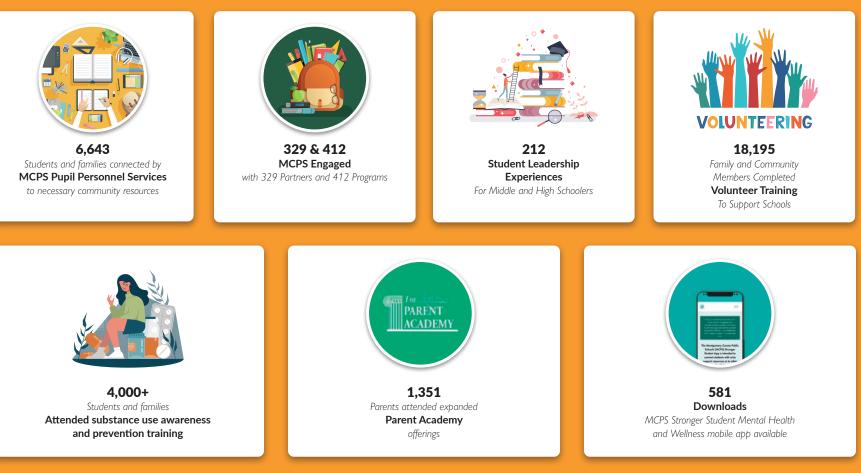
135 Individual State Championships **18 State Championships** 12 State finalists • 10 State Semifinalists 58 Regional Championships **143 County or Division Championships** 31 County Championships • 112 Division Championships



Weller Road Elementary School Opens Food Pantry

MCPS celebrated the opening of its fourth food pantry at a community school with a ribbon-cutting event on Thursday, Jan. 12. The food pantry at Weller Road Elementary School is a partnership between the Capital Area Food Bank's (CAFB) School Pantry Program and MCPS to provide a reliable source of nutritious food to families throughout the year.

Family and Community Engagement





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MCPS Media Specialist Named Maryland School Librarian of the Year

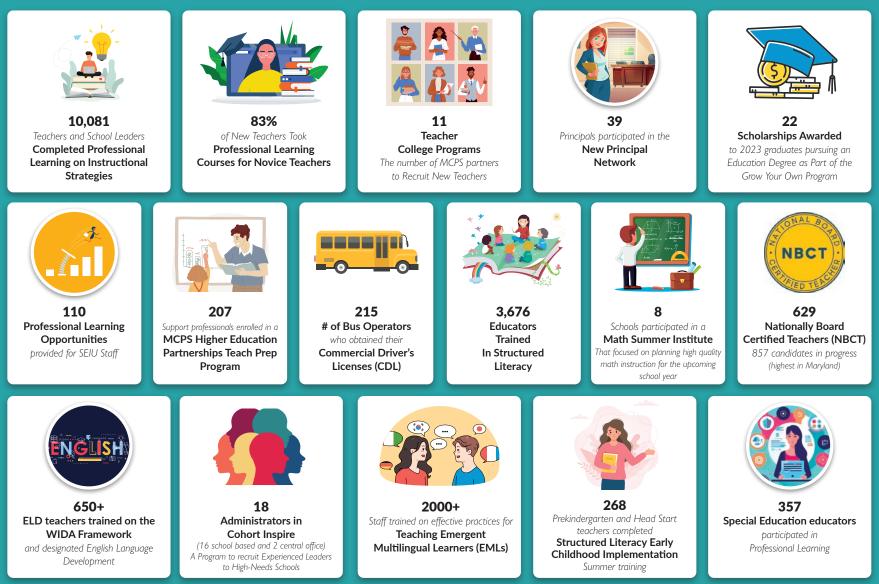
Dr. Sheri Massey, media specialist at Cabin John Middle School, has been named School Librarian of the Year for the state of Maryland. There were 44 nominations for the top award; that list was narrowed to 14 finalists, which also included Meredith Hickman, media specialist at Seven Locks Elementary School.

This top award honors a school librarian for exemplary service and outstanding achievements in the field of school library media. To be considered, nominees must be a current member of the Maryland Association of School Librarians (MASL), actively working as a school librarian and serving in the same position for three or more years.

Professional and Operational Excellence

Student success is only possible with the hiring and maintaining of a highly qualified, diverse and culturally proficient workforce. MCPS uses targeted recruitment strategies, teacher pathway programs for our supporting services staff, and regular professional development to ensure we have the best educators. Our commitment to effective operations across the district allows schools to maintain their focus on student success. This includes direct support to schools and students' equal access to resources, stable financial practices and a commitment to environmental protection.

Professional Excellence



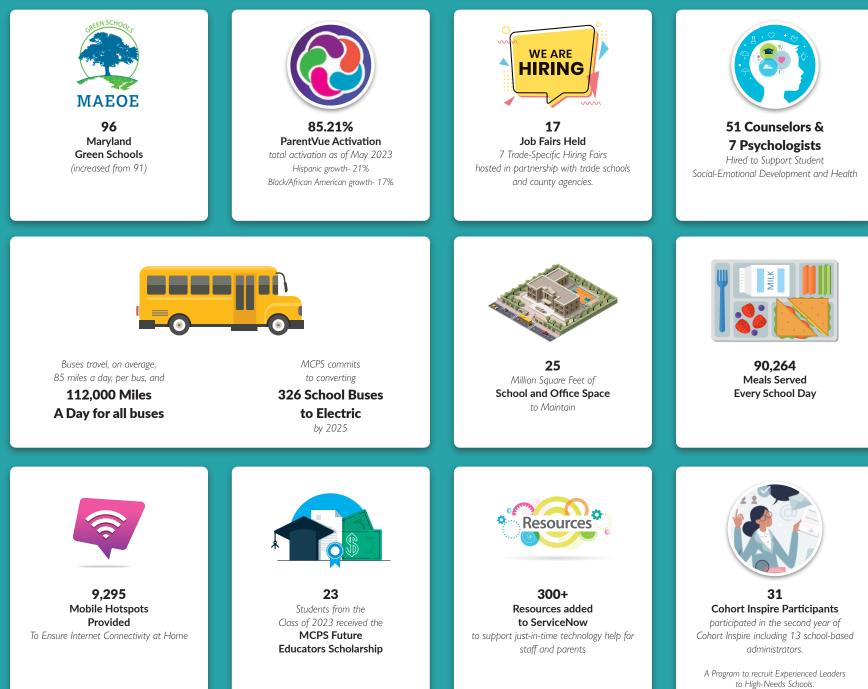
Department of Materials Management (DMM) Supply Services Supervisor Named 2023-2024 MCPS Supporting Services Employee of the Year.

Kimani Gray is motivated by the gratitude he receives from customers who are thankful for getting the furniture and equipment they need to do their jobs. Most of all, he loves to know that students are satisfied and comfortable with the surroundings in their classrooms and throughout the school.

Kimani is a mentor to the students who work for DMM during the summer. He impresses on them the importance of being patient with customers who are trying to decide what they need to do their work. "They learn from me and know what to do."



Operational Excellence





Kingsview Middle School Counselor Wins State Honor

Katie Mendelson, school counselor at Kingsview Middle School, has been named Maryland State Middle School Counselor of the Year. She was surprised with the news during an announcement at the school on Feb. 6. Middle school requires a delicate blend of skills to carefully use "push and pull;" two opposing forces to ensure the success of all students," Kingsview Principal Dyan Harrison wrote in her recommendation letter. "Katie Mendelson masterfully exemplifies these skills in her role as school counselor.

"As you enter Ms. Mendelson's office it is clear to see how much she values students and recognizes the importance of her impact as a school counselor. Deemed "a safe space" by students, the office is intentionally filled with positive messages, soft lighting and a comfortable couch. There is no doubt that you have entered a safe-haven free of judgment and full of love," Harrison wrote.

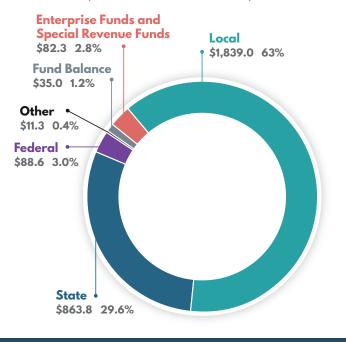
Operating Budget

The FY 2024 Operating Budget approved by the County Council in May 2023 and adopted by the Board in June 2023, while less than the Board's budget request did fund almost \$27 million of the \$47 million of the highest priority accelerators in the FY 2024 Operating Budget request either in the operating budget (\$22.6 million) or with ESSER funding (\$4.2 million).

Operating Budget Highlights

- » Staff Development Teacher in Every School (Full-time) -- \$27.2M
- » Reading Specialist in Every Elementary School (Full-time) -- \$18.8M
- » Stipends for Testing Coordinator Support -- \$679,000
- » National Board Certified Teachers Supplements -- \$2.5M
 - **Funding Sources**

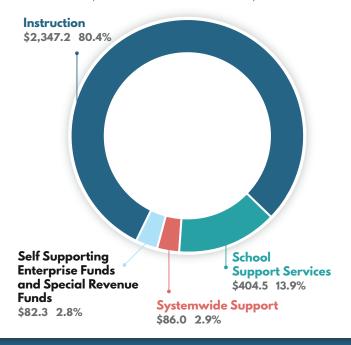
Total Revenue = \$2,920,027,627 (Dollars in Millions on Chart)



- » 10 Security Rovers -- \$866K
- » Additional Security Cameras for Elementary Schools -- \$250K
- » Curriculum Resources Science of Reading -- \$5.4M

Expenditures

Total Expenditures = \$2,920,027,627 (Dollars in Millions on Chart)



Capital Improvements: Budget and Highlights

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New Schools, Additions, Major Capital Projects Opened FY 2024

School	Туре	Sq. Ft.
Burnt Mills Elementary School	Replacement	94,398
Cabin Branch Elementary School	New	95,327
Dr. Ronald E. McNair Elementary School	Addition	13,338
Parkland Middle School	Addition	27,760
South Lake Elementary School	Replacement	113,549
Stonegate Elementary School	Replacement	84,094
Total		428,466

New Construction & Major Capital Projects

Projects during the 2022–2023 school year and completed for the beginning of school in August 2023.

Completed 428,466 square feet of new school construction for major projects.

Completed six major capital projects for school opening in August 2023:

One new school

» Cabin Branch Elementary School (95,327 square feet)

Two addition projects

- » Dr. Ronald E. McNair Elementary School (13,338 additional square footage)
- » Parkland Middle School (27,760 additional square footage)

Three major capital projects

- » Burnt Mills Elementary School (94,398 square feet)
- » Stonegate Elementary School (84,094 square feet)
- » South Lake Elementary School (113,549 square feet)

Completed major systemic replacement/improvement projects for school opening in August 2023:

- » Fire Code Safety Upgrades
- » Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Replacement Projects
- » Improved Access to Schools and ADA Compliance Projects
- » Planned Life-Cycle Asset Replacement and Restroom Renovation Projects
- » Relocatable Classroom Placement and Relocation
- » Roof Replacement Projects
- » Special Education and Other Program Improvement Projects
- » Technology Modernization

Construction is ongoing for six capital projects

One new school

» Charles W. Woodward High School (Reopening)

Two addition projects

- » William T. Page Elementary School
- » Silver Spring International Middle School

Three major capital projects

- » Neelsville Middle School
- » Poolesville High School
- » Woodlin Elementary School

Planning/design is underway for 10 capital projects

One Security Vestibule

» DuFief Elementary School

Four replacement/new school projects

- » Burtonsville Elementary School
- » Crown High School (New)
- » JoAnn Leleck at Broad Acres Elementary School
- » Northwood High School

Two addition projects

- » Greencastle Elementary School
- » Highland View Elementary School

Three major capital projects

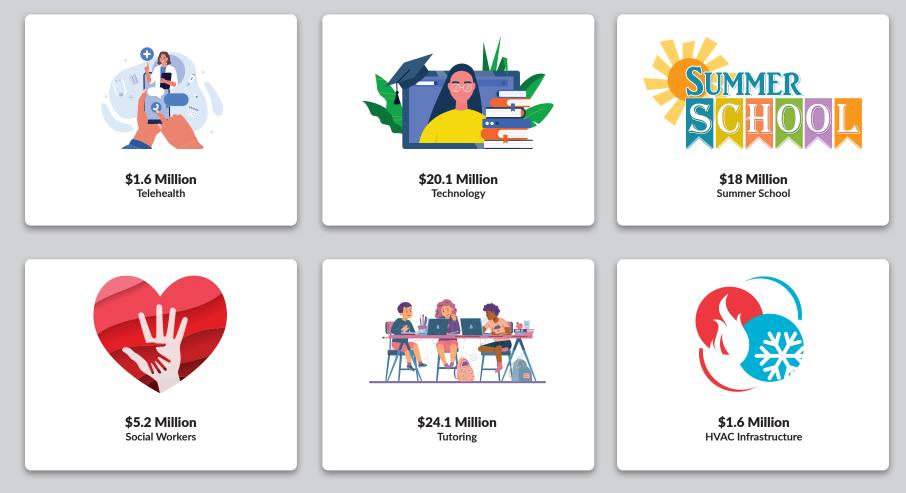
- » Damascus High School
- » Eastern Middle School
- » Thomas S. Wootton High School (ADA Site Improvements)



Federal COVID Funding vs. MCPS Operating Budget

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund was originally established in the CARES Act in March 2020 and extended through two additional acts of Congress to provide funding to public schools for relief from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2022-2023 ESSER Funding Innovations





ESSER grants are "unbudgeted" in that they are one-time funding and are not included in the development of the Operating Budget in the fiscal year they were received (FY20 - FY 22) unlike Titles I-IV, which are budgeted.

Aligning ESSER to the MCPS Strategic Plan MCPS Identified Eight Program or Functional Areas of ESSER Funding:				
Summer School	Staffing Resources	Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) and Well-being		
Tutoring/Interventions/Enrichments	င်းျပ် Technology	Of Operations		
Professional Learning	Virtual Academy			





On the Pathway to a Brighter Future

MCPS NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) prohibits illegal discrimination based on race, ethnicity, color, ancestry, national origin, nationality, religion, immigration status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, family structure/ parental status, marital status, age, ability (cognitive, social/emotional, and physical), poverty and socioeconomic status, language, or other legally or constitutionally protected attributes or affiliations. Discrimination undermines our community's long-standing efforts to create, foster, and promote equity, inclusion, and acceptance for all. The Board prohibits the use of language and/or the display of images and symbols that promote hate and can be reasonably expected to cause substantial disruption to school or district operations or activities. For more information, please review Montgomery County Board of Education Policy ACA, *Nondiscrimination, Equity, and Cultural Proficiency.* This Policy affirms the Board's belief that each and every student matters, and in particular, that educational outcomes should never be predictable by any individual's actual or perceived personal characteristics. The Policy also recognizes that equity requires proactive steps to identify and redress implicit biases, practices that have an unjustified disparate impact, and structural and institutional barriers that impede equality of educational or employment opportunities. MCPS also provides equal access to the Boy/Girl Scouts and other designated youth groups.**

For inquiries or complaints about discrimination against MCPS students*	For inquiries or complaints about discrimination against MCPS staff*	
Director of Student Welfare and Compliance Office of District Operations Student Welfare and Compliance 850 Hungerford Drive, Room 55, Rockville, MD 20850 240-740-3215 SWC@mcpsmd.org	Human Resource Compliance Officer Office of Human Resources and Development Department of Compliance and Investigations 45 West Gude Drive, Suite 2500, Rockville, MD 20850 240-740-2888 DCI@mcpsmd.org	
For student requests for accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973	For staff requests for accommodations under the <i>Americans with Disabilities Act</i>	
Section 504 Coordinator Office of School Support and Well-being Office of Well-being, Learning and Achievement 850 Hungerford Drive, Room 257, Rockville, MD 20850 240-740-5630 504@mcpsmd.org	ADA Compliance Coordinator Office of Human Resources and Development Department of Compliance and Investigations 45 West Gude Drive, Suite 2500, Rockville, MD 20850 240-740-2888 DCI@mcpsmd.org	
For inquiries or complaints about sex discrimination under Title IX, including sexual harassment, against students or staff*		
Title IX Coordinator Office of District Operations Student Welfare and Compliance 850 Hungerford Drive, Room 55, Rockville, MD 20850 240-740-3215 TitleIX@mcpsmd.org		

*Discrimination complaints may be filed with other agencies, such as the following: U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Baltimore Field Office, GH Fallon Federal Building, 31 Hopkins Plaza, Suite 1432, Baltimore, MD 21201, 1-800-669-4000, 1-800-669-6820 (TTY); Maryland Commission on Civil Rights (MCCR), William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 Saint Paul Street, Suite 900, Baltimore, MD 21202, 410-767-8600, 1-800-637-6247, mccr@maryland.gov; or U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Suite 515, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 1-800-421-3481, 1-800-877-8339 (TDD), OCR@ed.gov, or www2.ed.gov/ about/offices/list/ocr/complaintinto.html.

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