

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

November 20, 2025

REVISED

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Thomas W. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Recommended Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget and the Fiscal Years 2027–2032 Capital Improvements Program

☐ Information ☒ Action

Superintendent Recommendation:

The superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's Recommended Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget and the Fiscal Years 2027–2032 Capital Improvements Program.

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools released the *Superintendent's Recommended Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget and the Fiscal Years 2027–2032 Capital Improvements Program* on October 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the Montgomery County Charter and the biennial capital improvements process, in odd-numbered fiscal years, such as Fiscal Year 2027, all capital improvement projects will be reviewed and considered by the county executive and the County Council; and

WHEREAS, The *Superintendent's Recommended Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget and Fiscal Years 2027–2032 Capital Improvements Program* addresses the significant facility and infrastructure needs of Montgomery County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, The *Superintendent's Recommended Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget and Fiscal Years 2027–2032 Capital Improvements Program* totals \$2.78 billion during the six-year period, an increase of \$1.03 billion more than the approved Capital Improvements Program; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education received presentations and conducted work sessions on October 14, November 4, and November 11, 2025, on the superintendent of schools' recommendations; and

WHEREAS, The recommendation maintains the completion dates and project timelines for Burtonsville Elementary School, Crown High School, JoAnn Leleck Elementary School at Broad Acres, Northwood High School, and Charles W. Woodward High School; and

WHEREAS, The recommendation removes expenditures and/or reallocates appropriations for the new Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Clusters Elementary School, Highland View addition project, and Major Capital Projects at Damascus Elementary School, Twinbrook Elementary School, and Whetstone Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, The recommendation includes projects and funding to support the possible future closure of Silver Spring International Middle School and to convert the existing Silver Spring International Middle School and Sligo Creek Elementary School into holding schools; and

WHEREAS, The Board may consider in a separate, future action whether to implement the closure of Silver Spring International Middle School in accordance with the process outlined in Board Policy FAA, *Educational Facilities Planning*, Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation FAA-RA, *Educational Facilities Planning*, and Maryland Code Regulations 13A.02.09.01 – Adoption of Procedures to Govern School Closings; and

WHEREAS, The recommendation includes funding and completion dates for the following Major Capital Projects:

- Damascus High School (August 2031);
- Eastern Middle School (August 2030);
- Sligo Middle School (August 2031);
- Burning Tree Elementary School (August 2031);
- Cold Spring Elementary School (August 2031);
- Highland View Elementary School (August 2031);
- Piney Branch Elementary School (August 2031); and

WHEREAS, The recommendation includes funding for the following new individual and countywide projects:

- Sligo Creek Elementary School Replacement (August 2029);
- Alternative Education Programs;
- Central Office Headquarters (Carver Educational Services Center Replacement);
- Holding school improvements;
- Materials Management Building Relocation;
- Outdoor Play Space and Athletic Infrastructure; and
- Transportation and Regional Support Facilities;

and

WHEREAS, The recommended Capital Improvements Program will address systemwide needs by keeping most countywide projects at their previously approved funding levels and increasing systemic projects such as Emergency Replacement of Major Building Components, Fire Safety Upgrades, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Replacement, Roof Replacement, School Security Systems, and Technology Modernization; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted two public hearings on October 23, 2025, and October 28, 2025, and accepted additional written and video comments through November 10, 2025, on the capital items included in the *Superintendent's Recommended Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget and the Fiscal Years 2027–2032 Capital Improvements Program*; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve a Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget appropriation request totaling \$195.6 million and a Fiscal Years 2027–2032 Capital Improvements Program request totaling \$2.78 billion, as indicated in Attachment A; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the Fiscal Year 2027 State Capital Improvements Program request in the amount of \$48.7 million as indicated in Attachment B; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve the individual capital items included in the *Superintendent's Recommended Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget and the Fiscal Years 2027–2032 Capital Improvements Program*; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the county executive and the County Council.

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Attachments

Attachment A REVISED

Board of Education's Requested FY 2027 Capital Budget and the FY 2027–2032 Capital Improvements Program (\$000s)

Project	FY 2027 Approp.	Total	Thru FY 2025	Est. FY 2026	Total Six-Years	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	Beyond Six-Years
Individual School Projects												
Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Clusters ES (New) ♦												
Burtonsville ES Replacement		59,061	6,565	34,960	17,536	17,536						
Crown HS (New)		219,252	53,762	33,555	131,935	72,500	59,435					
Highland View ES Addition ♦♦	-16,025	750	750									
JoAnn Leleck ES @ Broad Acres Replacement		66,682	16,064	34,618	16,000	16,000						
Northwood HS Addition/Facility Upgrade		213,076	55,810	71,012	86,254	48,754	37,500					
Sligo Creek ES Replacement ♦♦♦	6,615	70,516			70,516	6,615	34,729	29,172				
Charles W. Woodward HS Reopening		224,095	153,914		70,181	39,181	31,000					
Board of Education's Requested Individual Projects	-9,410	853,432	286,865	174,145	392,422	200,586	162,664	29,172	0			
Countywide Projects												
ADA Compliance ♦♦♦♦	1,900	66,283	28,166	25,827	12,290	1,900	1,957	2,016	2,076	2,138	2,203	
Alternative Education Programs ♦♦♦	1,500	31,629			31,629	1,500	9,000	21,129				
Asbestos Abatement ♦♦♦♦	1,050	29,182	20,774	1,616	6,792	1,050	1,082	1,114	1,147	1,182	1,217	
Building Modifications and Program Improvements (BMPI) ♦♦♦♦	6,000	127,603	79,907	15,696	38,810	6,000	6,180	6,365	6,556	6,753	6,956	
Central Office Headquarters (CESC Replacement) ♦♦♦		428,265	5,000		223,265			14,158	74,072	72,665	62,370	200,000
Design and Construction Management ♦♦♦♦	5,500	131,951	88,101	8,274	35,576	5,500	5,665	5,835	6,010	6,190	6,376	
Early Childhood Centers ♦♦♦		51,594	143	9,857	41,594	5,000	6,000		2,835	7,442	20,317	
Emergency Replacement of Major Building Components ♦♦♦♦	3,750	30,257	2,962	3,038	24,257	3,750	3,863	3,978	4,098	4,221	4,347	
Facility Planning ♦♦♦♦	5,000	30,387	13,634	3,753	13,000	3,500	3,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Fire Safety Upgrades ♦♦♦♦	3,750	51,759	21,902	5,600	24,257	3,750	3,863	3,978	4,098	4,221	4,347	
Holding School Improvements ♦♦♦	4,000	44,000			44,000	4,000	10,000	30,000				
HVAC Replacement ♦♦♦♦	55,600	637,921	148,111	92,410	397,400	55,600	52,000	61,000	69,000	71,500	88,300	
Improved (Safe) Access to Schools ♦♦♦♦	500	36,744	22,517	10,993	3,234	500	515	530	546	563	580	
Major Capital Projects—Elementary ♦♦♦	-8,409	276,518	4,491		272,027		12,367	23,089	136,352	100,219		
Major Capital Projects—Secondary ♦♦♦	5,816	602,818	25,244		577,574	12,613	31,322	201,310	184,873	147,456		
Materials Management Building Relocation ♦♦♦	10,605	13,105	30	2,470	10,605	8,400	2,205					
Outdoor Play Space and Athletic Infrastructure ♦♦♦♦	15,000	79,871	6,064	886	72,921	15,000	15,450	10,000	10,300	10,815	11,356	
Planned Life-Cycle Asset Replacement (PLAR) ♦♦♦♦	12,000	263,075	165,957	19,497	77,621	12,000	12,360	12,731	13,113	13,506	13,911	
Relocatable Classrooms ♦♦♦♦	4,500	115,061	89,003	5,558	20,500	4,500	4,000	3,500	3,500	2,500	2,500	
Restroom Renovations ♦♦♦♦	5,500	82,734	35,645	11,513	35,576	5,500	5,665	5,835	6,010	6,190	6,376	
Roof Replacement ♦♦♦♦	15,000	243,575	86,028	33,547	124,000	15,000	16,000	19,000	21,000	25,000	28,000	
School Security Systems ♦♦♦♦	8,000	105,672	53,659	16,013	36,000	8,000	8,000	6,000	6,000	4,000	4,000	
Stormwater Discharge and Water Quality Management ♦♦♦♦	1,100	22,176	12,439	2,376	7,361	1,100	1,133	1,190	1,249	1,312	1,377	
Sustainability Initiatives ♦♦♦♦	3,500	47,970	6,791	18,540	22,639	3,500	3,605	3,713	3,825	3,939	4,057	
Technology Modernization ♦♦♦♦	33,850	659,435	444,236	42,699	172,500	33,850	30,350	26,280	27,340	27,340	27,340	
Transportation and Regional Support Facilities ♦♦♦	10,000	70,000			70,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	15,000	10,000		
Board of Education's Requested Countywide Projects	205,012	4,279,584	1,360,804	330,163	2,395,428	216,513	261,081	489,252	600,500	530,652	297,430	200,000
Board of Education's Requested CIP	195,602	5,133,016	1,647,669	504,308	2,787,850	417,099	423,745	518,424	600,500	530,652	297,430	200,000

FOOTNOTES:

This six-year CIP does not reflect the true need for MCPS, rather, it was reduced to align closer to the Spending Affordability Guidelines (SAG) that the County Council sets each year.

♦ Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Clusters ES (New) was removed from the six-year CIP due to decreased enrollment and a future boundary study.

♦♦ Highland View ES Addition project was removed due to an increased scope. Highland View ES is now a replacement project under Major Capital Projects—Elementary.

♦♦♦ These projects incorporate 5% escalation to reflect anticipated construction costs increases over the planning period.

♦♦♦♦ These projects incorporate 3% escalation to reflect anticipated construction cost increases over the planning period.

All projects in bold are new to the six-year CIP.

Board of Education's Requested FY 2027 Capital Budget
and the FY 2027–2032 Capital Improvements Program
(\$000s)

Project	FY 2027 Approp.	Total	Thru FY 2025	Est. FY 2026	Total Six-Years	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	Beyond Six-Years
Board of Education's Requested CIP	195,602	5,133,016	1,647,669	504,308	2,787,850	417,099	423,745	518,424	600,500	530,652	297,430	200,000
Elementary School Major Capital Projects												
Burning Tree ES (replacement) ♦		69,253			69,253		3,115	6,543	34,349	25,246		
Cold Spring ES (replacement)		59,550	1,607		57,943		2,607	5,474	28,739	21,123		
Damascus ES ♦♦	-2,339											
Highland View ES (replacement) ♦♦♦		69,422			69,422		3,123	6,559	34,432	25,308		
Piney Branch ES (replacement)		78,293	2,884		75,409		3,522	4,513	38,832	28,542		
Twinbrook ES ♦♦	-2,948											
Whetstone ES ♦♦	-3,122											
BOE's Requested Elementary Major Capital Projects Total	-8,409	276,518	4,491		272,027		12,367	23,089	136,352	100,219		
Secondary School Major Capital Projects												
Damascus HS (replacement, on-site)		306,118	21,309		284,809	9,237	10,005	108,179	92,758	64,630		
Eastern MS (replacement, on-site)	5,816	162,524	3,935		158,589	3,376	15,355	80,610	59,248			
Sligo MS (renewal/addition)		134,176			134,176		5,962	12,521	32,867	82,826		
BOE's Requested Secondary Major Capital Projects Total	5,816	602,818	25,244		577,574	12,613	31,322	201,310	184,873	147,456		
BOE's Requested Major Capital Projects Total	-2,593	879,336	29,735		849,601	12,613	43,689	224,399	321,225	247,675		

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All projects in the table above incorporate 5% escalation to reflect anticipated construction costs increases over the planning period.

♦ Burning Tree ES moved from the ADA Compliance project to the Major Capital Projects—Elementary project due to an increased scope. It is now a replacement project.

♦♦ Damascus ES, Twinbrook ES, and Whetstone ES were removed from the six-year CIP based on updated CIP prioritization data (building condition, educational adequacy, utilization, enhanced needs).

♦♦♦ Highland View ES Addition project was removed due to an increased scope. Highland View ES is now a replacement project under Major Capital Projects—Elementary.

All projects in bold are new to the six-year CIP.

Expected Facility Use Schedule for Fiscal Years 2027–2032

Facility	School Year 2026–2027	School Year 2027–2028	School Year 2028–2029	School Year 2029–2030	School Year 2030–2031	School Year 2031–2032
Existing Burtonsville ES	Opens as Early Childhood Center (ECC) #3					
Emory Grove Center	Permanent Location for Upcounty Early Childhood Center (renovations to occur in School Year 2031–2032)					
Grosvenor Center				Cold Spring ES		
Radnor Center				Burning Tree ES		
Potential Sligo Creek ES Site*				Permanent Location for Sligo Creek ES		
Existing Sligo Creek ES	Sligo Creek ES			Piney Branch ES		
North Lake Center	Alt. Ed. Programs					
Fairland Center		Downcounty Alt Ed. Programs		Highland View ES		
Spring Mill Center	Leased Tenants			Downcounty Alternative Education Programs		
Existing Blair G. Ewing Center	Upcounty Alternative Ed. Programs					
Woodward HS	Northwood HS	Woodward HS Reopens				
Existing Silver Spring Int. MS	Silver Spring International Middle School				Sligo MS	
CESC/Former Rock Terrace Site**	MCPS Staff					MCPS HQ (Ph. I)
Rocking Horse Road Center	MCPS Staff					Move to CESC
English Manor ES	MCPS Staff					Move to CESC
750 Progress Way (Warehouse)	Construction	New Warehouse Opens (consolidation of Stonestreet properties and other MCPS Operations)				
Stonestreet Properties	Staff	Move to New Warehouse				
Concord Center	Staff	MCPS Staff Move to New Warehouse; Future Use TBD				
Lynnbrook Center	Staff	MCPS Staff Move to New Warehouse; Future Use TBD				
Edward U. Taylor Center	Staff	Staff Move to Progress Way, Future Use TBD				
Former Carl Sandburg Center	Staff	Staff Move to Progress Way, Future Use TBD				
Montrose Center	Leased Tenants		Future Use TBD			
Former Forest Grove ES	Leased Tenants	Future Use TBD				
Former Parkside ES	Vacant	Future Use TBD				
Rollingwood Center	Vacant	Future Use TBD				
Tuckerman Center	Leased Tenants					
Northwest ES #8 Future Site	Vacant			Bus Depot/Regional Support Center		
Wootton ES # 7 Future Site	Vacant			Bus Depot/Regional Support Center		

*A site selection will need to be conducted in order to relocate Sligo Creek Elementary School onto a new site.

**Former Rock Terrace School shares a parcel with Carver Educational Services Center

Revised Requested FY 2027 State Capital Improvements Program
for Montgomery County Public Schools
(figures in \$000s)

Priority No.	BTL - Y/N	PFA - Y/N	Project	Total Estimated Costs	Non PSCP Funds	Prior State Funding	FY 2027 State Funding Request
			Design, Balance of Construction, and Add-On Funding				
1	C*	Y	Crown HS (New)* (Balance of Construction)	219,252	120,971	87,070	11,211
2	Y	Y	Burtonsville ES Replacement (Net Zero Energy Add-On)	59,061	25,158	31,185	2,718
			Subtotal	278,313	146,129	118,255	13,929
			Systemic Maintenance Projects				
3	N	Y	Spark M. Matsunaga ES/Longview School HVAC (cost increase)	9,500	4,519	2,831	2,150
4	N	N	Dr. Charles R. Drew ES HVAC (cost increase)	8,000	3,751	3,049	1,200
5	N	Y	Springbrook HS HVAC (Phase 3)	7,500	3,750		3,750
6	N	Y	New Hampshire Estates ES HVAC	2,200	1,100		1,100
7	N	N	Goshen ES HVAC	2,200	1,100		1,100
8	N	Y	Strawberry Knoll ES HVAC	8,500	4,250		4,250
9	N	N	Sherwood HS HVAC (Phase 1)	7,500	3,750		3,750
10	N	Y	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MS HVAC	14,000	7,000		7,000
11	N	Y	Flower Valley ES HVAC	7,000	3,500		3,500
12	N	Y	Northwest HS Roof (Phase 2)	8,380	4,190		4,190
13	N	N	Darnestown ES Roof	2,108	1,054		1,054
14	N	Y	Takoma Park ES Roof	1,872	936		936
15	N	Y	Fairland ES Roof	810	405		405
16	N	Y	Olney ES Roof	490	245		245
17	N	Y	Gaithersburg HS Roof	408	204		204
			Subtotal	80,468	39,754	5,880	34,834
			TOTAL FY 2027 STATE CIP REQUEST	358,781	185,883	124,135	48,763

*Combined annual allocation and BTL funding.