

Operating Budget Committee Report

March 2021

Name of Committee: **Operating Budget Committee**

Chair: Laura Mitchell

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Communication (e-list, etc): N/A

We are recruiting for committee members from each cluster. No financial background required. Contact the Chair if you are interested.

2020 Operating Budget Committee

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At Large:			
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NEC (Blake/Paint Branch/Springbrook And Sherwood)	Vacant		
West PTAs (Clarksburg/Northwest/Quince Orchard/Seneca Valley)	Vacant		

- On February 23rd, the Montgomery County Board of Education voted unanimously to tentatively adopt a \$2.78 billion operating budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. This is an increase of \$24.3 million (0.9 percent) from the current FY 2021 budget.
- On March 1, 2021, MCPS transmitted the MCPS FY 2022 Operating Budget to the County Executive and County Council
- A link to the document can be found at the following:
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/>
- County Executive Marc Elrich will release his recommended operating budget on March 15th.
- Dates for operating budget testimony before the County Council in April are expected soon.

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COMMITTEE WORK:

MCPS Budget Advisory Committee

There are still moving parts to formulating the budget but the funding from the state and federal government is becoming more predictable. The Budget Advisory Committee met on February 16th to give stakeholders updates on the changes since we last met.

- Revenue estimates are up \$676 million
 - Includes a \$750,000 approved by MCCC on February 26th to enhance Restorative Justice training

Revenue Changes Since the Initial FY 2022 Recommendation

Item	Amount
December 2020 Estimate for FY 2022	\$2,712,910,910
State Aid from Formulas	-11,852,268
State <i>Blueprint</i> -like Initiatives	+31,301,475
State Supplemental Instruction/Tutoring Grant	+20,070,818
State Hold Harmless Grants for Enrollment & Disabled Student Trans.	+29,701,255
Miscellaneous Adjustments	-1,620,000
Amended FY 2022 Operating Budget	\$2,780,512,190*

* Includes County Council introduced FY 2021 supplemental appropriation of \$750,000 for Restorative Justice training.

- The additional revenue allowed MCPS to adjust their budget proposal to add accelerators.

Amendments to the Recommended FY 2022 Operating Budget

Item	Amount
Accelerators for Key Bodies of Work	\$4,147,978
2.5 Year Plan Focusing on Needs for Students	\$30,000,000

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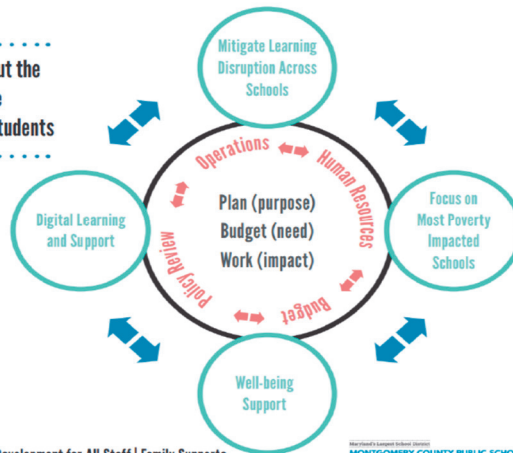
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Accelerators for Key Bodies of Work

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- Changes impact:
 - Chapter 1, Schools
 - Chapter 3, Curriculum and Instructional Programs
 - Chapter 6, Engagement, Innovation, and Operations
 - Chapter 7, Operations
 - Chapter 8, Technology Support and Infrastructure
- Other additions address learning loss and other current and post pandemic student needs. The 2 ½ year plan will cost \$30 million.

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Well-Being and Support, +\$6.2 Million

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Digital Learning and Support, +\$3.5 Million

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- The full presentation is at the end of this report.

FY22 Budget & Operating Budget Testimony Workshop

- There are still no firm dates for MCCPTA testimony to the County Council. It is possible that we will be limited to submitting testimony from AVPs, rather than CCs, this year. That is what the County Council did with the CIP testimony, however, I will advocate for each CC to have the normal amount of time allotted. There are many issues and two minutes is insufficient to cover the needs of five (5) clusters.
- Background information for County Council testimony preparation:
- The Operating Budget [Testimony Workshop notes](#) can be viewed here. If you have other notes that were not included, please forward them to me at operatingbudget@mccpta.org.
- The BOE adopted the original proposed budget February 9th
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- **Cluster Coordinators will be asked to submit testimony to the County Council in April (dates TBD).**

Important Dates:

March 15, 2021	County Executive Releases the FY 2022 Operating Budget Recommendations
April 2021	County Council Budget Public Hearings
April - May, 2021	County Council Work Sessions
May 20, 2021	County Council Budget Action
June 10, 2021	Final Adoption of the FY 2022 Operating Budget

Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget

Montgomery County Board of Education
February 16, 2021

Changes to the FY 2022 Operating Budget

Montgomery County Public Schools FY 2022 Operating Budget

	FY 2021 Current Budget	FY 2022 Recmd. Budget	FY 2022 Amended Budget	Change, FY 2022 Amended from Dec. 2020 Recmd.	FY 2022 Changes from FY 2021
Total Expenditures	\$2,756,257,059	\$2,712,910,910	\$2,780,512,190	\$67,601,280	\$24,255,131
Local Revenue	1,752,612,120 *	1,752,662,235	1,752,662,235 *	-	50,115
State Revenue	798,259,622	753,011,512	822,232,792	69,221,280	23,973,170
Fund Balance	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	-	-
Fed/Other Revenue	180,385,317	182,237,163	180,617,163	(1,620,000)	231,846
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Accelerators for Chapter 1, Schools

- \$143,421 net increase to realign a coordinator position to a supervisor position and add a 1.0 instructional specialist position to support the Learning for Independence, School Community-based and Extensions programs.
- \$20,000 for additional psychological testing materials to assist psychologists with supporting students' well-being.
- \$200,000 to support security costs incurred by schools for athletic events.
- \$500,000 for a high school athletics transportation fund to address issues of equity across the school system.
- \$690,000 for a systemwide field maintenance fund to address issues of equity across the school system.

Accelerator for Chapter 3, Curriculum and Instructional Programs

- \$183,863 for a 1.0 supervisor position in the Department of College and Career Readiness and Districtwide Programs to support work-based learning programs such as internships and partnerships.

Accelerator for Chapter 6, Engagement, Innovation, and Operations

- \$135,007 for a 1.0 instructional specialist position for the Partnership Unit to assist with public/private partnerships for students, staff, and parents, and the Summer RISE program.
- \$112,256 for a 1.0 communications project manager position to support the implementation of systemwide innovation planning and programs.
- \$94,394 for a 1.0 administrative secretary II position in the Department of Communications to support the responsibilities related to the functions of the department.

Accelerator for Chapter 7, Operations

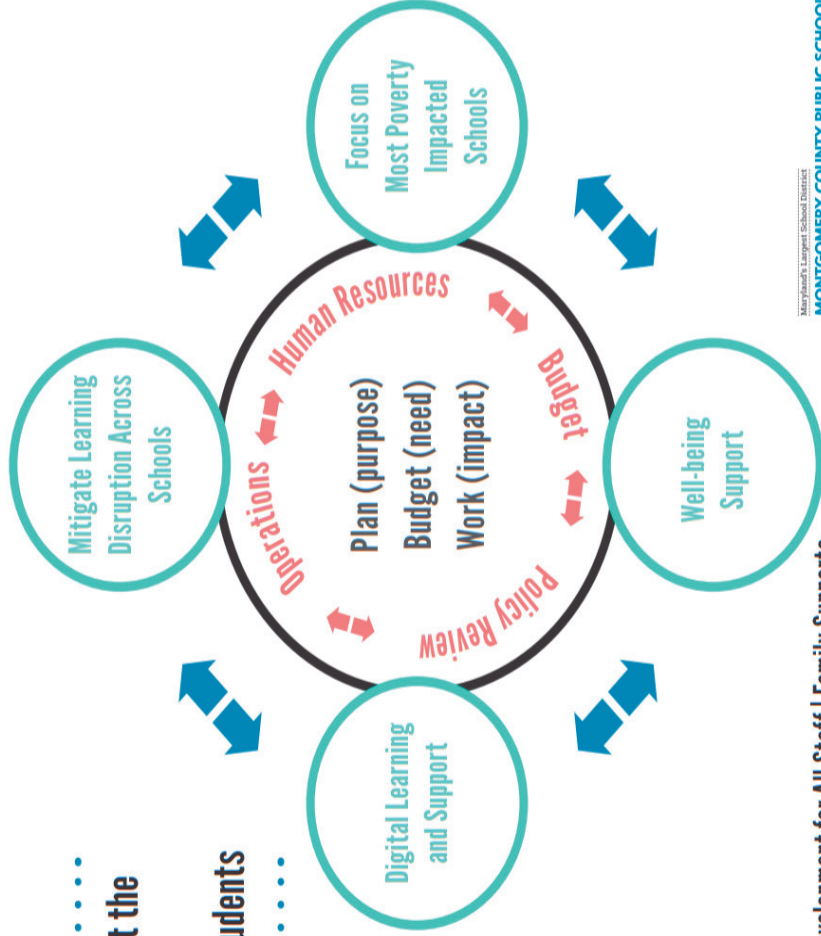
- \$448,411 for 10.0 building service worker positions to restore positions previously eliminated.
- \$102,795 and 1.0 procurement buyer position to support the increased demands on the Procurement Unit.

Accelerator for Chapter 8, Technology Support and Infrastructure

- \$734,059 for Fortinet, which supports MCPS firewalls and next generation services including web content filtering.
- \$249,541 for iBoss, a cloud-based web content filtering service.
- \$534,231 for 3.0 positions for the Help Desk and 3.0 information technology systems specialists for laptop support.

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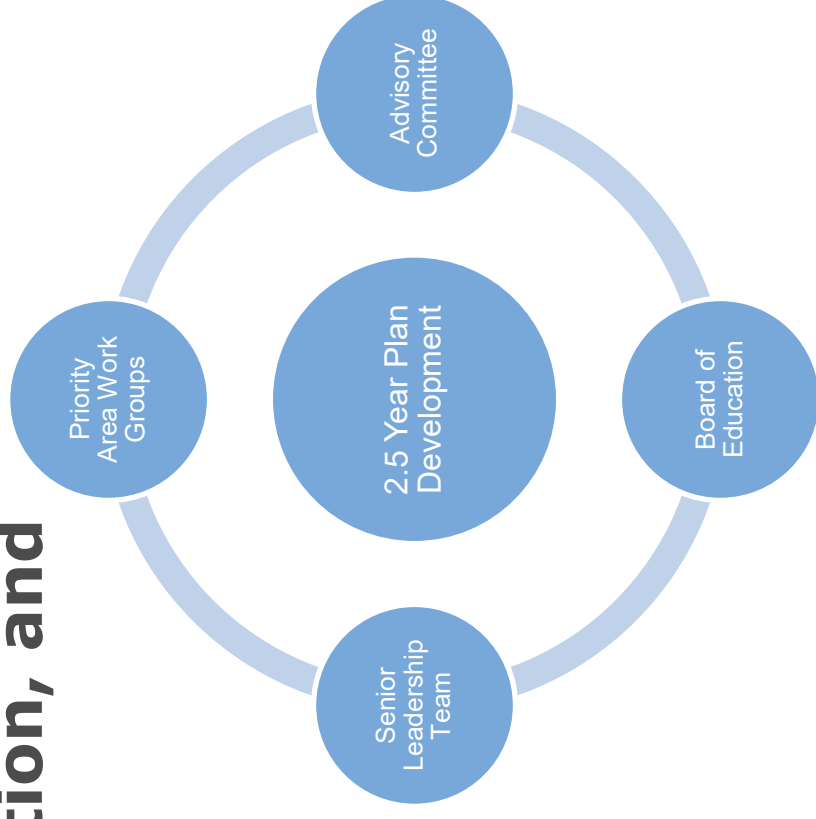
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2.5 Year Plan Development: Effective Communication, Collaboration, and Communication

Composition of Work Groups and Advisory Committee:

- Students
- SEIU, MCEA, MCAAP/MCBOA school-based and central services members
- Community partners
- Association executive leadership
- MCPS executive leadership



Discussion