

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

Keeping Our Major Projects Whole

Montgomery County Board of Education
November 8, 2024

Off-Year CIP: Keeping our Major Projects Whole



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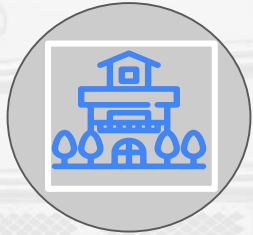


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Superintendent's Recommendation: Keep Our Major Projects Whole

Project	Recommended Funding
Crown HS (New)	\$20.0M
Northwood HS (Replacement)	\$5.0M
Charles W. Woodward HS (Re-opening)	\$28.0M
Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	\$4.5M
Building Modifications for Program Improvements	(\$4M)
Early Childhood Centers	(\$36.5M)
Major Capital Projects–Elementary	(\$12M)
Sustainability Initiatives	(\$5M)
Reduced State Aid Eligibility for Charles W. Woodward HS Project	(\$39.3M)
Available Funds from Prior Projects	\$17.7M
Net CIP Expenditure Increase	\$0.0
Local Funding Recommended After Transfers	\$21.6M

Major Project Increases



Charles W. Woodward High School: \$28 million to complete the auditorium and other spaces



Crown High School: \$20 million to complete the interior of the auditorium, classrooms and labs, and stadium turf



Northwood High School: \$5 million for the stadium



HVAC: \$4.5 million to complete A. Mario Loiederman Middle School project

Keeping Our Projects Whole: Projects and Completion Dates

**Completion
August 2025**

**Poolesville HS
Phase 2**
(Major Capital Project)

**Silver Spring
International MS**
(Addition)

Greencastle ES
(Addition)

**Completion
August 2026**

Burtonsville ES
(Replacement)

**JoAnn Leleck ES at
Broad Aces**
(Replacement)

**Completion
August 2027**

Crown HS
(New)

Northwood HS
(Addition/Facility
Upgrade)

Woodward HS
(Reopening)

Highland View ES
(Addition)

**Construction
Funds in FY 2029**

Damascus HS

Eastern MS

Cold Spring ES

Damascus ES

Twinbrook ES

Whetstone ES
(Major Capital Projects)

Timeline for Amended FY 2025–2030 CIP

**Presentation
Preliminary
Work Session**

**Oct
24**



**Nov
4**

**Public
Hearing**



**Public
Hearing**

**Nov
6**



**Nov
8**

**Work
Session**

**Board Action
on Amended
FY 2025-2030
CIP**

**Nov
21**

Charles W. Woodward HS Project Next Steps

- **Consistent delays of project milestones**
 - Re-establishing milestones moving forward
- **Limited community engagement from the contractor**
 - The contractor will be at all community engagements and collaborative meetings moving forward
- **Project Management**
 - Enhancing communication structures and processes
- **Improved Communication**
 - Developing a quarterly communication to include discussion and a newsletter with construction updates, program impacts, and other issues that arise for all stakeholders

Funding the CIP

Bonds

Determined by Spending Affordability Guidelines—largest revenue source for the CIP typically

State Aid

Determined by state formula based on eligible projects in approved CIP

Taxes

School Impact Tax—A tax collected at the time of building permit for each new dwelling unit constructed and can only be used for school capacity projects

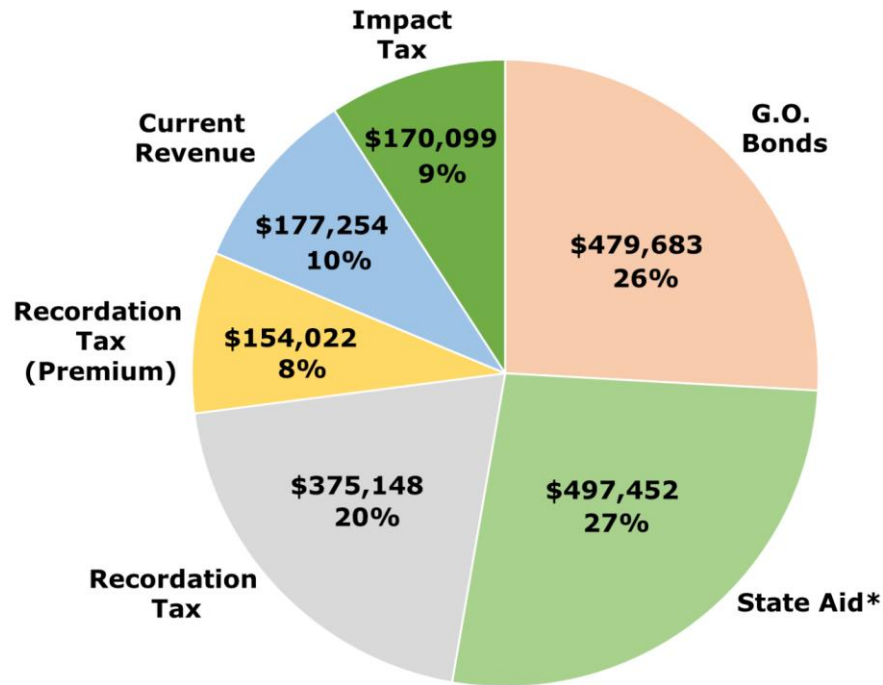
Recordation Tax—A portion of the tax collected when a residential property is transferred to a new owner. Can be used for any project in the CIP

Current Revenue

The same funding source as the operating budget (technology, relocatable classrooms, and facility planning)

Adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP Revenue Sources

(\$000s)



*This state aid total reflects the assumed amount for the Charles W. Woodward HS project

Boundary Study Update

- Since the preliminary work session, the team met with a diverse group of internal and external stakeholders to review upcoming steps and timelines
- RFP submissions received through October 31, 2024
- Vendor evaluation process underway
- Comparison of 2019 boundary analysis and current boundary studies
- More information, such as Frequently Asked Questions, and other resources will be posted on the MCPS Planning website in the coming weeks
- Vendor recommendation to be prepared for Board action on November 21, 2024

CIP Hearings Follow-up

- Scheduling meetings to visit schools that articulated needs
- Strategic approach to supporting schools with facility needs that fall outside of the CIP
- Implementing formative communication and engagement with schools with construction and renovation projects
- Reassessing approach to project management at schools under construction
- Updating our Facilities Conditions Index to make data-driven decisions
- Developing a detailed six-year systemic plan covering all infrastructure components

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The superintendent recommends the Board receive this information relative to the FY2026 Capital Budget and CIP Amendments to assist in your review.