Montgomery County Public Schools

MISSION STATEMENT

The Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) operates a Countywide system of public schools for students from pre-kindergarten through high school. For the 2006-07 school year (FY07), 137,798 students in pre-kindergarten classes through grades 12 attend 199 separate public educational facilities. For the 2007-08 school year (FY08), enrollment is estimated at 137,007 students.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

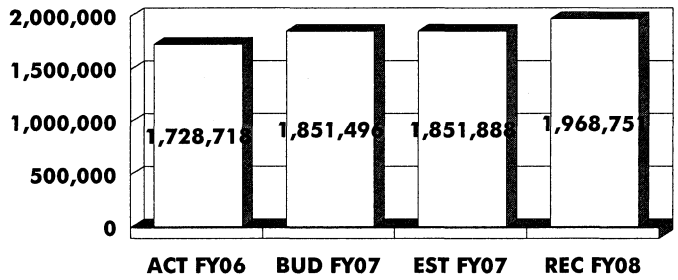
The County Executive's role in the MCPS budget process is to present to the County Council a recommended total budget. The total recommended FY08 Operating Budget is $1,968.8 million, an increase of $117.3 million or 6.3 percent compared to the original FY07 approved budget of $1,851.5 million. The Board of Education's (BOE) Operating Budget request for FY08 totaled $1,988.4 million.

The County Executive's recommendation would fund 99 percent of the BOE's request and establishes an affordable and sustainable level of support that both addresses educational needs and maintains commitments to employees. It would raise total per pupil spending from all sources to $14,370, the highest level ever.

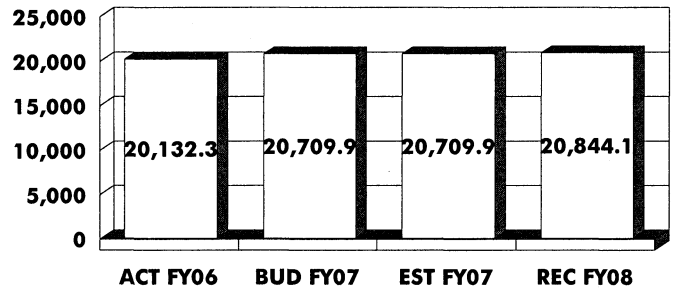
The County also supports the operations of the school system through the expenditures of other departments. For example, school health services, childhood wellness, and Linkages to Learning programs are provided by HHS; research and internet resources are made available in the Public Libraries; crossing guards and Educational Facilities Officers are supported by the Police; sports academies for youth are sponsored by the Department of Recreation; reimbursements for classrooms and school sports fields rented by residents are made by Community Use of Public Facilities; and Environmental Protection will maintain the stormwater facilities of the public schools. In addition to the total recommended Operating Budget for the public schools, this agency's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) requires current revenue funding. Approximately $22.9 million dollars in FY08 current revenues is recommended in the FY07-12 CIP.

The recommended budget includes the County's contribution of $1,444.4 million (73.4 percent of all recommended funding), State aid and grants of $390.4 million (19.8 percent), Federal grants and aid of $64.7 million (3.3 percent), and tuition, fees, and private grants of $14.9 million (0.8 percent). The recommended appropriation for the fee supported enterprise funds is $52.8 million (2.6 percent) and for the special revenue fund is $1.5 million (0.1 percent).

Trends



EXPENDITURES [$000s]



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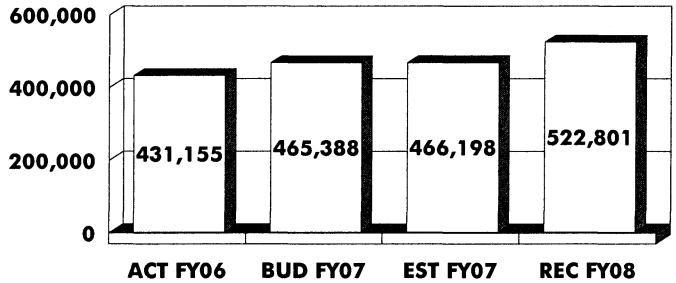

RELATED REVENUES [$000s]

Tax Supported Funding for the Public Schools

For FY08, the total tax supported portion of the Executive's recommendation (excluding grants and enterprise funds) is $1,839.7 million, an increase of $115.3 million or 6.7 percent over the original FY07 approved Operating Budget. The tax supported portion of the recommendation includes the local contribution of funds of $1,444.4 million, which is a total increase in local funding of $59.7 million or 4.3 percent over the original FY07 approved local appropriation.

The Executive's recommendation for local funding is $70.7 million above the FY08 State Maintenance of Effort requirement. Providing local funds to meet the State Maintenance of Effort requirement ensures the receipt of State aid to the public schools.

Fiscal Summary

The Executive's total budget recommendation from all funding sources of $1,968.8 million represents 99 percent of the BOE's March request. The Executive endorses funding of the contracts negotiated with the Montgomery County Education Association, the Montgomery County Association of Administrative and Supervisory Personnel, and the Service Employees International Union Local 500. The Executive relies on the BOE to determine the most appropriate manner to deliver educational services within his recommended budget allocation.

Spending Affordability

In December 2006, the Montgomery County Council approved FY08 Spending Affordability Guidelines (SAG) of $1,787.8 million for the tax supported funds of MCPS. The County Executive recommends $1,839.7 million for the tax-supported funds of MCPS, which is $51.9 million or 2.9 percent above the SAG. The BOE requested $1,859.4 million in tax supported funds. The County Council will revisit the SAG by the second Tuesday after the General Assembly adjourns. If the Council amends the allocation for MCPS and it is below the level recommended by the County Executive, the Executive will forward to the Council information on changes the Council would need to make if it were to appropriate the FY08 budget at the level set by the SAG.

Additional Budget Details

The Executive believes that the total FY08 Operating Budget recommendation supports educational needs and maintains commitments to employees. In making this recommendation, the Executive affirms the authority of the BOE to establish educational policy and to determine the allocation of appropriated funds in support of the mission of the public school system. Complete information regarding the MCPS budget request is available in the FY08 Operating Budget adopted by the BOE on March 1, 2007. Copies of that budget are available at Montgomery County libraries, on the MCPS web site and, upon request, from the school system.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ***Provide resources to accommodate the enrollment of more than 137,000 students.***
- ***Make a County contribution to MCPS of $1,444.4 million, an increase of $59.7 million or 4.3% compared to the FY07 approved budget.***
- ***Raise MCPS total spending to $1,968.8 million, an increase of $117.3 million or 6.3% over FY07 expenditures.***
- ***Expand funding per pupil from all sources by nearly 7% to $14,370, the highest level ever.***
- ***Support MCPS programs through expenditures in other County departments, such as HHS, Public Libraries, Police, Recreation, Community Use of Public Facilities, and Environmental Protection.***
- ***MCPS is moving towards its academic goals of achieving success for all students:***
  - ***About 88% of kindergarteners are reading simple text compared with 39% five years ago. MCPS has eliminated the achievement gap among White, African American, and Hispanic kindergarten students.***
  - ***Roughly 46% of the fifth grade class is taking sixth grade math compared with 2% in 2001.***
  - ***Approximately 69% of all high school students are enrolled in at least one Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) course.***
  - ***MCPS students in AP significantly outperform their counterparts throughout the nation and the State of Maryland in every racial and ethnic group. Further, 44% of seniors scored a 3 or better on an AP test compared with 14% nationwide.***
  - ***For a second year in a row, all eligible MCPS high schools have been ranked in the top 3% of the nation by Newsweek magazine, with five high schools ranked in the top 100.***

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY06	Budget FY07	Estimated FY07	Recommended FY08	% Chg Bud/Rec
CURRENT FUND MCPS					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Current Fund MCPS Personnel Costs	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	—
Operating Expenses	1,603,273,684	1,724,404,964	1,724,796,735	1,839,677,747	6.7%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Current Fund MCPS Expenditures	***1,603,273,684***	***1,724,404,964***	***1,724,796,735***	***1,839,677,747***	***6.7%***
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	18,744.3	19,405.6	19,405.6	19,576.4	0.9%
REVENUES					
Basic State Aid	172,961,030	179,886,089	179,886,089	193,483,569	7.6%
Transportation	25,920,075	28,298,236	28,298,236	30,678,135	8.4%
Students With Disabilities	31,564,234	38,351,863	38,351,863	44,363,011	15.7%
Foster Care/Miscellaneous	586,741	250,000	250,000	250,000	—
Thornton Legislation	69,700,727	87,589,180	87,589,180	120,557,055	37.6%
Tuition-Other Sources	5,725,437	5,073,809	5,573,809	5,686,604	12.1%
Federal Revenues	490,328	230,000	540,000	230,000	—
Current Fund MCPS Revenues	***306,948,572***	***339,679,177***	***340,489,177***	***395,248,374***	***16.4%***
GRANT FUND MCPS					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Grant Fund MCPS Personnel Costs	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	—
Operating Expenses	80,120,161	75,039,560	75,039,560	74,768,434	-0.4%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Grant Fund MCPS Expenditures	***80,120,161***	***75,039,560***	***75,039,560***	***74,768,434***	***-0.4%***
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	766.6	674.0	674.0	636.0	-5.6%
REVENUES					
Federal Grants	74,083,050	64,784,851	64,784,851	64,513,725	-0.4%
State Grants	4,073,192	1,023,000	1,023,000	1,023,000	—
Private Grants	1,963,919	9,231,709	9,231,709	9,231,709	—
Grant Fund MCPS Revenues	***80,120,161***	***75,039,560***	***75,039,560***	***74,768,434***	***-0.4%***
FOOD SERVICE FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Food Service Fund Personnel Costs	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	—
Operating Expenses	37,306,181	44,373,243	44,373,243	46,717,154	5.3%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Food Service Fund Expenditures	***37,306,181***	***44,373,243***	***44,373,243***	***46,717,154***	***5.3%***
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	589.5	600.8	600.8	601.7	0.1%
REVENUES					
Child Care Food Service	736,876	775,000	775,000	775,000	—
Federal Food	13,737,797	14,573,792	14,573,792	14,583,505	0.1%
State Food	801,840	984,433	984,433	870,917	-11.5%
Sale of Meals	22,029,668	28,040,018	28,040,018	30,487,732	8.7%
Food Service Fund Revenues	***37,306,181***	***44,373,243***	***44,373,243***	***46,717,154***	***5.3%***
REAL ESTATE FUND					
EXPENDITURES					

	Actual FY06	Budget FY07	Estimated FY07	Recommended FY08	% Chg Bud/Rec
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Real Estate Fund Personnel Costs	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	—
Operating Expenses	2,212,736	2,792,452	2,792,452	2,317,953	-17.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Real Estate Fund Expenditures	***2,212,736***	***2,792,452***	***2,792,452***	***2,317,953***	***-17.0%***
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	4.0	3.5	3.5	4.0	14.3%
REVENUES					
Real Estate Fund	2,212,736	2,792,452	2,792,452	2,317,953	-17.0%
Real Estate Fund Revenues	***2,212,736***	***2,792,452***	***2,792,452***	***2,317,953***	***-17.0%***
ADULT EDUCATION					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Adult Education Personnel Costs	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	—
Operating Expenses	1,614,777	0	0	0	—
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Adult Education Expenditures	***1,614,777***	***0***	***0***	***0***	—
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
REVENUES					
Adult Education	1,614,777	0	0	0	—
Adult Education Revenues	***1,614,777***	***0***	***0***	***0***	—
FIELD TRIP FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Field Trip Fund Personnel Costs	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	—
Operating Expenses	1,491,097	1,979,516	1,979,516	2,079,338	5.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Field Trip Fund Expenditures	***1,491,097***	***1,979,516***	***1,979,516***	***2,079,338***	***5.0%***
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	—
REVENUES					
Field Trip Fees	1,491,097	1,979,516	1,979,516	2,079,338	5.0%
Field Trip Fund Revenues	***1,491,097***	***1,979,516***	***1,979,516***	***2,079,338***	***5.0%***
ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITIES FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Entrepreneurial Activities Fund Personnel Costs	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	—
Operating Expenses	1,461,574	1,523,552	1,523,552	1,669,774	9.6%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Entrepreneurial Activities Fund Expenditures	***1,461,574***	***1,523,552***	***1,523,552***	***1,669,774***	***9.6%***
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	6.8	9.5	9.5	9.5	—
REVENUES					
Entrepreneurial Activities Fee	1,461,574	1,523,552	1,523,552	1,669,774	9.6%
Entrepreneurial Activities Fund Revenues	***1,461,574***	***1,523,552***	***1,523,552***	***1,669,774***	***9.6%***
INSTRUCTIONAL TELEVISION FUND					
EXPENDITURES					

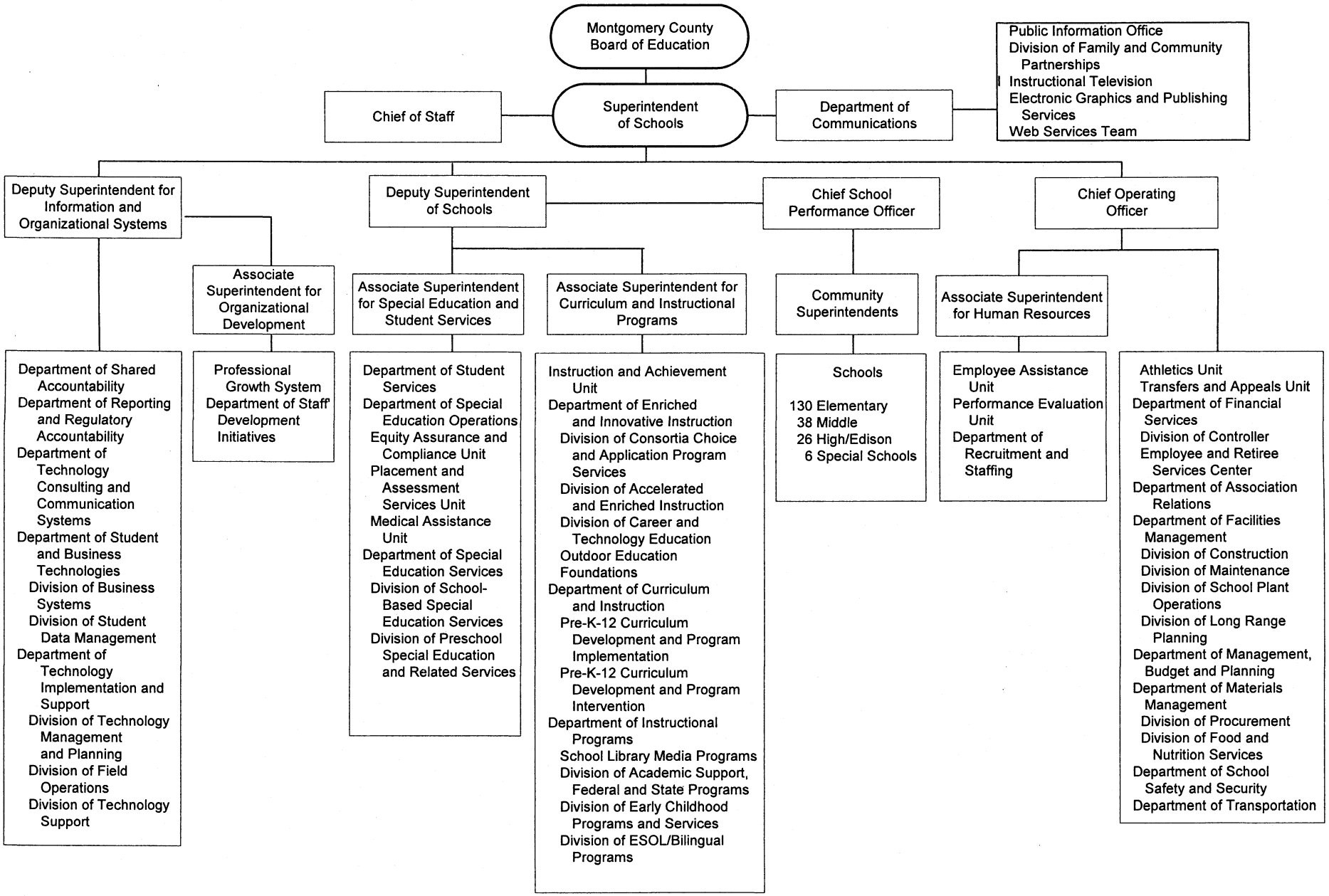
	Actual FY06	Budget FY07	Estimated FY07	Recommended FY08	% Chg Bud/Rec
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Instructional Television Fund Personnel Costs	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	—
Operating Expenses	1,238,000	1,383,000	1,383,000	1,521,000	10.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
Instructional Television Fund Expenditures	***1,238,000***	***1,383,000***	***1,383,000***	***1,521,000***	***10.0%***
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	—
DEPARTMENT TOTALS					
Total Expenditures	**1,728,718,210**	**1,851,496,287**	**1,851,888,058**	**1,968,751,400**	**6.3%**
Total Full-Time Positions	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	—
Total Part-Time Positions	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	—
Total Workyears	***20,132.3***	***20,709.9***	***20,709.9***	***20,844.1***	***0.6%***
Total Revenues	***431,155,098***	***465,387,500***	***466,197,500***	***522,801,027***	***12.3%***

MCPS EXPENDITURES FY80-FY08					
County Fiscal Year	Total Expenditures	Total Enrollment	Per Pupil	County Funding	As Percent of Total
80	$283,964,983	102,519	$2,770	$217,458,068	76.58%
81	$310,301,970	98,843	$3,139	$243,994,370	78.63%
82	$331,546,219	95,587	$3,469	$267,891,955	80.80%
83	$351,939,986	92,517	$3,804	$286,965,658	81.54%
84	$371,322,717	91,030	$4,079	$303,726,901	81.80%
85	$399,916,181	91,704	$4,361	$330,035,065	82.53%
86	$436,875,791	92,871	$4,704	$361,788,973	82.81%
87	$475,866,930	94,460	$5,038	$398,053,264	83.65%
88	$519,622,140	96,271	$5,397	$434,582,576	83.63%
89	$577,957,669	98,519	$5,866	$488,062,505	84.45%
90	$642,553,932	100,259	$6,409	$545,768,528	84.94%
91	$702,260,084	103,732	$6,770	$601,407,797	85.64%
92	$712,896,646	107,140	$6,654	$603,939,300	84.72%
93	$738,767,864	110,037	$6,714	$622,732,456	84.29%
94*	$793,907,907	113,429	$6,999	$666,557,884	83.96%
95	$830,010,147	117,082	$7,089	$695,512,609	83.80%
96	$878,160,420	120,291	$7,300	$718,938,647	81.87%
97	$915,141,097	122,505	$7,470	$740,984,871	80.97%
98	$958,416,196	125,035	$7,665	$765,835,476	79.91%
99	$1,034,768,530	127,852	$8,093	$820,833,423	79.33%
00	$1,105,644,145	130,689	$8,460	$870,940,869	78.77%
01	$1,216,096,599	134,180	$9,063	$959,754,838	78.92%
02	$1,323,625,477	136,832	$9,673	$1,029,703,651	77.79%
03	$1,412,161,822	138,891	$10,167	$1,079,188,698	76.42%
04	$1,498,374,041	139,203	$10,764	$1,136,392,169	75.84%
05	$1,609,382,533	139,337	$11,550	$1,217,214,553	75.63%
06	$1,713,736,154	139,387	$12,295	$1,296,325,112	75.64%
07	$1,851,496,287	137,798	$13,436	$1,384,725,787	74.79%
08 CE Rec	$1,968,751,400	137,007	$14,370	$1,444,429,373	73.37%

Sources: Approved Operating Budgets (prior years) and Recommended Budget (current year)

Notes:
* State legislative action shifted responsibility for teacher Social Security payments to local jurisdictions in FY94.

Per pupil spending represents all sources of funds

In addition to MCPS appropriations, the following County departments also support MCPS programs:
-School Health Nurses and Health Room Technicians (Health and Human Services)
-Childhood Wellness (Health and Human Services)
-Linkages to Learning (Health and Human Services)
-Research and Internet Resources (Public Libraries)
-Sports Academies (Recreation)
-Educational Facilities Officers (Police Department)
-Crossing Guards (Police Department)
-Reimbursements for Rented Classrooms and Sports Fields (Community Use of Public Facilities)
-Stormwater Facility Maintenance (Environmental Protection)
-Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Current Revenue
-Debt Service on School Facilities

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