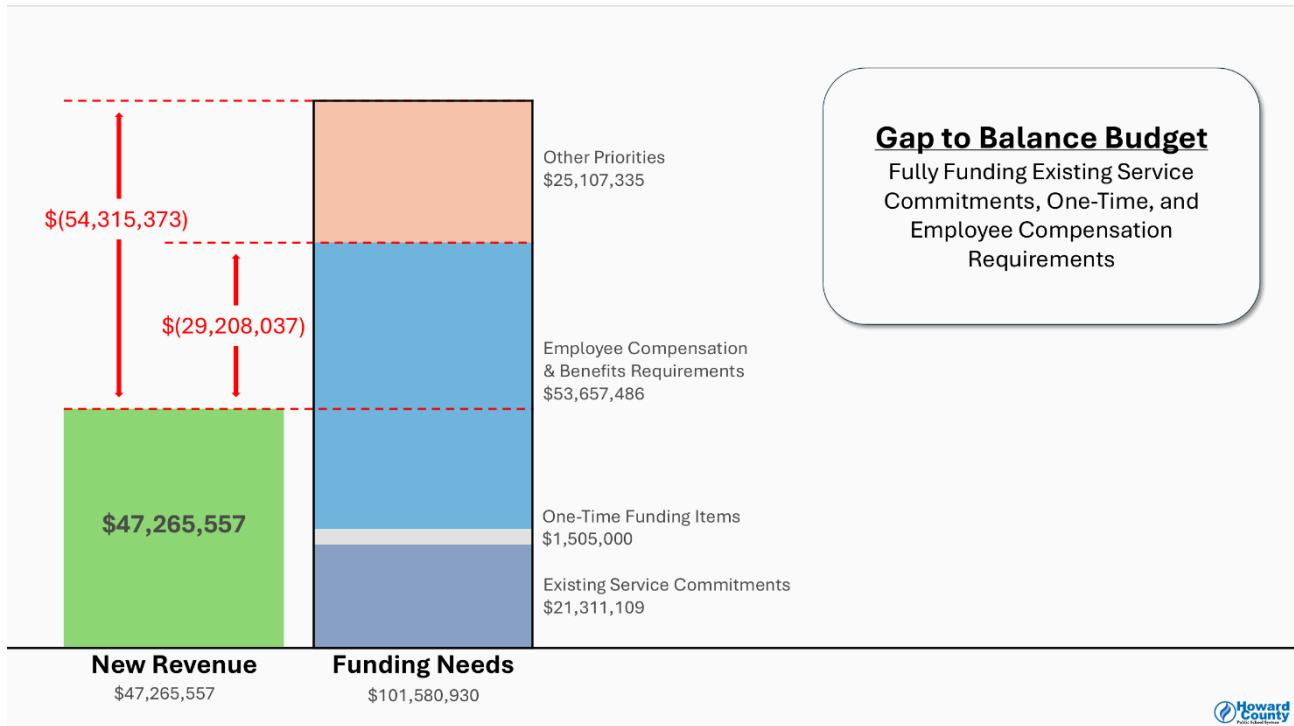


HCPSS Operating Budget 2026

May 5, 2025 Update



Advocate for Funding:

Sign up to testify April 30th, asking the County Council to add funding back into HCPSS operating budget. If funding is not added, then staff and programs will be cut. Every testimony may mean more funding for our students.

[Testimony Registration - Howard County's Online Testimony](#)

PTA Member Send Email by May 14th

Email County Council councilmail@howardcountymd.gov

Subject: **Restore Full Funding to HCPSS in FY26**

Dear Howard County Council,

I'm writing as a concerned [parent/teacher/resident] to urge you to fully fund the Howard County Public School System in the FY26 Operating Budget.

HCPSS has faced years of underfunding. This year, the system needs \$29.2 million just to maintain current services. Without it, we'll see larger class sizes, fewer programs, and staff layoffs — all of which hurt our students.

It's unacceptable that our schools are the first to face cuts when budgets tighten. Education is a core service and should be protected, not sacrificed. The percentage of Howard County Public Schools System share of the recurring General Fund Revenue has not kept up with historic norms and inflation.

[Insert personal note here, e.g., "My child's school is already stretched thin. We can't afford more cuts."]

Please prioritize students and restore funding to HCPSS.

Thank you,

[Your Name][Your Address or District]

