

PTACHC Legislative Update – June 3, 2024



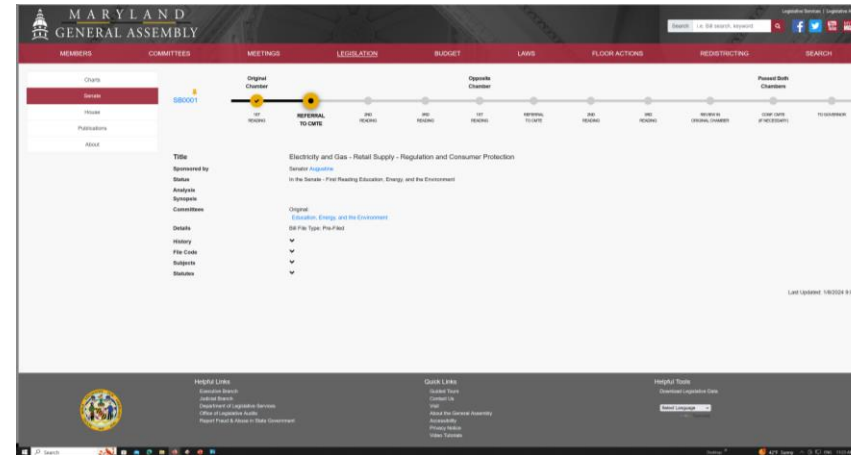
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- JUN 3 7PM - County Council - Vote to move Fund Balance for Nutrition (CR44), Introduction of APFO CHART (CR76), HOUSING CHART(CR77), School Surcharge EXEMPTIONS (CB37)**
- JUN 4 8AM - HOWARD COUNTY INNOVATION SUMMIT - JHU-APL**
- JUN 5 10AM HCPSS BOE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE <https://hcpss.zoom.us/j/91309805625>**
- JUN 6 4PM & 7PM HCPSS BOE MEETING - 7PM FEASABILITY STUDY (REDISTRICTING, CONSTRUCTION)**
- JUN 7 9AM - Crossing Guard Hiring Event 7031 Columbia Gateway Drive (Oracle building)**
- JUN 11 3:30PM - HCPSS BOE POLICY - <https://hcpss.zoom.us/j/99729115569>**
- JUN 12 9:45AM - Joint meeting between council and BOE CANCELLED**
- JUN 13 9AM MARYLAND IAC Meeting**
- JUN 18 9AM Board of Appeals - Variance to raise height of Maryland International school from 11' to 51' tall.**
- JUN 18 7PM Public hearing on CR76/CR77/CB37**
- JUN 20 4PM (Only) HCPSS BOE MEETING**
- JUN 25 9:30AM County Council Work session on Legislation**
- JUN 26 8AM 6721 Gateway Master Plan Advisory Committee –
Columbia Gateway Drive/Wayline Conference Room - (PTACHC interest - Additional Supporting Educational Facilities)**
- JUL 1 7PM - County Council Vote on JUN legislation**
- JUL 20-21 MARYLAND FRESTATE PTA (STATEWIDE) Conference 692 Maritime Blvd, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090**



COMING SOON

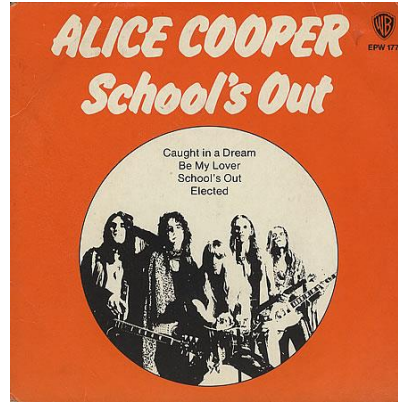
**PTACHC CONGRESSIONAL
CANDIDATE FORUM
Watch for details**



Maryland General Assembly

Many Education Bill will take effect Immediately.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/>



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY DATES

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
447th session of General Assembly
will convene in Annapolis, Maryland
January 8 - April 7, 2025

Why should you care about Legislation in Annapolis now that the session ended?

NOW is the time to advocate with officials for education improvements in next session

June 2024

**GENERAL PLAN UPDATE <https://www.hocobydesign.com/>
WAS PASSED BY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE
NOT INCLUDING GATEWAY PLAN.**

***Gateway Committee formed without Education Representation
NOW COMES MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.
APFO SCHOOL CHARTS AND HOUSING UNIT
ALLOCATIONS ALREADY PASSED OUT OF THE CYCLE.
SAAC MEETING REVEALED COUNTY UNSURE
WHAT TO DO WITH MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS
*THAT ARE ALREADY EXEMPTED FROM APFO.****



1. A representative of the Abrams Development Group;
2. A representative of the Columbia Association;
3. A representative of COPT Defense Properties;
4. A representative of The Howard Hughes Corporation;
5. A representative of DWS Asset Management;
6. A representative of the Technology Advancement Center;
7. A representative of Homewood Suites;
8. A representative of Oracle Corporation;
9. A representative of the Howard County Affordable Housing Coalition;
10. A representative of Enterprise Community Development;
11. A representative of Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory;
12. A representative of UMBC Training Center;
13. A representative of the Greater Baltimore Committee;
14. A representative of Baltimore Metropolitan Council;
15. A representative of the Howard County Economic Development Authority;
16. A representative of the Howard County Chamber of Commerce;
17. Two residents of Owen Brown Village;
18. Two advocates for environmental protection;
19. A representative of the Howard County Citizens Association;
20. A representative of the Howard County Age Friendly Work Group;
21. A member of the Howard County Planning Board; and
22. An advocate for multimodal transportation.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Gateway Master Plan Advisory Committee shall cease to exist on March 31, 2025 and the terms of the Gateway Master Plan Advisory Committee members shall terminate on March 31, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Calvin B. Ball, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this 6th day of March, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Calvin B. Ball", is written over a horizontal line.

Calvin B. Ball
County Executive

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<https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/zoning-land-use/comprehensive-zoning>

COMPREHENSIVE REZONING IS IMMINENT.
DATES OF SESSIONS UNANNOUNCED
***SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTS RATES OF GROWTH, REVENUE & EXPENSES**
***2013 VERSION CONTAINED 151 AMENDMENTS**
***ALL CURRENT PROJECTIONS ARE BASED OFF OF THE *PRIOR* GENERAL PLAN**
***ADJUSTMENTS TO BOTH CAPITAL AND OPERATING WILL BE NEEDED**

* Some Amendment Numbers were intentionally skipped

REVISED Preliminary Comprehensive Zoning: Map Amendment Recommendations **May 16, 2013**

Amendment Number	Property Address	Acres	Current Zoning	Requested Zoning	DPZ Notes	DPZ Recommends	Planning Board Recommends	Planning Board Notes
2.001	17530 FREDERICK RD	0.92	RC-DEO	B-1	Longstanding small business adjoins M-1.	B-1	B-1	S-0
8.001	14196 FREDERICK RD	65.1	RC-DEO	I	Existing private school and religious retreat. The I district is not currently authorized outside the PSA, and has never been used. If the I district is determined preferable, text amendments are needed to clarify the conditions and process for P&Z approval. If this district is not approved, consider deleting the I district and removing the Institutional zoning overlay from the YMCA and Veterans Elementary School.	CCT	RC-DEO	Split vote 3-2 The 3 Board members that voted to keep the current zoning believed that the other two districts do not fit the property/use. They agreed that the Conditional Use process was appropriate and would give the public the opportunity to participate. The two Board members that voted for the I Zoning District thought that having it go through the Zoning Board process to get the district would work best. This would allow for public input and the decision would be up to elected officials. The language for the I District would have to be changed to allow it outside of the PSA.
10.002	2020 MARRIOTTSTVILLE RD	6.39	POR/PEC	N/A	Split zoned, part of Waverly	PEC	PEC	S-0
14.001	2605 RT 97	11.06	RR-DEO	B-1	Sufficient retail zoning in the area. Transitional commercial or institutional use appropriate along MD97. Rezone western area of property adjoining 14.002, but retain RR on the remainder.	POR/RR	POR/RR	S-0
14.002	2669 RT 97	3.02	RR-DEO	B-1	Sufficient retail zoning in the area. Transitional commercial or institutional use appropriate.	POR	POR	S-0
15.001	12962 LIVESTOCK RD	4.5	POR	RC-DEO		RC-DEO	RC-DEO	S-0
15.002	12966 LIVESTOCK RD	4.53	POR	RC-DEO	Request for about 0.40 acres of this lot to be rezoned in exchange for an equivalent acreage. Rezoning of the other 2 parcels.	RC-DEO	RC-DEO	S-0
15.003	12980 LIVESTOCK RD	100.87	RC-DEO	POR		POR	POR	S-0
16.001	10611 BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE	15.805	RC-DEO	R-ED	New to PSA. Adjoins R-ED	R-ED	R-ED	S-0
16.002	2865 MARRIOTTSTVILLE RD	41.15	RR-DEO	N/A	New to PSA	R-ED	R-ED	4-0-1 Paul Yelder abstained



JUN 2024

APFO COMMITTEE STATUS

The Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Committee is required to convene within 1 year of the General Plan update (By Oct 2024). APFO determines the “acceptable” level of intentional school overcrowding

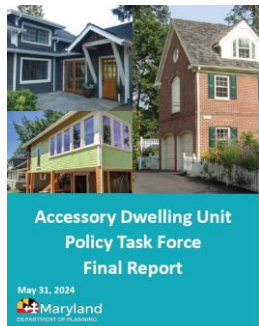
PTACHC has sent a letter of interest to participate. No Response So Far.

APFO START DATE STILL UNDETERMINED

***DPZ claims delays are due to concurrent planning of Gateway, Comprehensive Rezoning and APFO. DPZ is seeking a national “APFO EXPERT” that will guide the county policy. Experience and qualifications are TBD. (source - hclwv forum)**

JUNE 6 HCPSS FEASIBILITY STUDY WILL DETERMINE REDISTRICTING WITHOUT NEW APFO STANDARDS OR DENSITY INCREASING REGULATIONS FACTORED IN.

***Source HCPSS accuracy presentation report of 2024**



**THE STATE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT TASK FORCE REPORT IS OUT
More Units Now, Elimination of School Surcharges, Mimic
Counties with worst overcrowding issues, Deal With Education
Education Impacts LATER**

<https://planning.maryland.gov/Pages/OurWork/ADUTF/ADU.aspx>

HCPSS BUDGET

**THE TIME TO ADVOCATE FOR THE
Fiscal Year 2026 Budget IS
TODAY!**

FREESTATE PTA VOTE

1. Article IV, Section 5C: Governance

- Current: Currently does not exist.
- Proposed: C. Each constituent association organized under the authority of Free State PTA shall adopt bylaws for the governance of its association. Such bylaws shall not conflict with Free State PTA or Maryland state nonprofit corporate laws and are subject to review by Free State PTA.

2. Article VI, Section 2A: Eligibility

- Current: A. Each officer shall be a current member of an active local PTA chartered by Free State PTA
- Proposed: A. Each officer shall be a current member of a local PTA chartered by Free State PTA

3. Article X, Section 1E.3.a: Committees

- Current: a. consists of the treasurer, who shall serve as chair, the president-elect, and three (3) additional members from the board of directors; and
- Proposed: a. consists of the treasurer, who shall serve as chair, the president-elect, and five (5) additional members of which a minimum of three (3) are on the board of directors; and

4. Article X, Section 1G: Committees

- Current: Term Limitations. No committee member shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the same committee. A committee member who has served more than one-half (1/2) of a term shall be credited with serving that term.
- Proposed: Delete paragraph in its entirety

How To Advocate For the HCPSS Budget

Access information about the budget here: [FY2025 HCPSS Operating Budget Process](#)

The budget report can be accessed here: [Superintendent's Proposed FY 2025 Operating Budget](#)

To advocate for increasing the amount of money the school system receives, letters should be directed to several different groups. The Board of Education needs to know that they should advocate for more money. The County Executive should be encouraged to provide the school system with more revenue. Our state officials need to be encouraged to fund the initiatives they are requiring with the Blueprint for Education.

At the board level:

Advocate for the board to request what we need. To ask our county officials for the money that we need to continue to be a world class school system.

The board also needs to know what cuts you would like them to avoid. It is important to look through some of the proposed cuts and let them know why you think some of the proposed cuts should not be made.

Below is a list of some of the things proposed to be cut (a full list of proposed cuts and possible impacts can be found in the Budget book which is linked above)

- Change in class size ratios, increasing class sizes by 2
- Elimination of grade 6 team building activities (what used to be Outdoor Education but became the field trip to Robinson Nature center)
- Elementary Gifted and Talented seminars and Curriculum Extension Units (CEUs)
- Elimination of 3rd grade strings
- Curricular field trips (kindergarten trips to the library)
- High School Science paraeducators
- Reduction in HS Media Specialists
- Elimination of BSAP and GT Summer Institutes
- Reduction of College/Career transportation- bus services may not be offered to students taking classes at HCC
- Support for the MESA program
- Elimination of personal aids for students receiving special education services
- Several support positions in special education that provide training and consultation
- 15 custodial positions
- Elimination of the transportation analyst
- Elimination of 1.00 Security Investigator and 1.00 Security Assistant
- 13 building maintenance positions
- 13 ground maintenance positions

How to provide testimony via email:

- Send email testimony to boe@hcpss.org
- Emails become public testimony. Do not include anything in your email that you do not want released publicly. Some people will write their testimony in a separate document and attach it to the email.

Emails do not need to be overly complicated. Just let them know what you feel and why you feel this way. Here is a sample letter:

Dear Board of Education members:

I am writing because I believe it is important that the Board of Education ask the County Executive for the money needed to maintain our current level of services and comply with the new Blueprint mandates. If we want to continue to have one of the country's best school systems we need to make it a priority.

I am also writing to implore you not to cut [insert funding]. [Add a few sentences about why you think this should be preserved.

How to provide testimony in person:

To testify in person you can pre-register in advance by telephone (410-313-1584) or by completing a google form. The sign up is usually released three weeks in advance and closes at 4:30 on the last working day prior to the meeting. The hearings on 2/15 and 2/26 have reached capacity. If additional hearings are scheduled, the date will be added here. The board typically asks students who are present to testify first. When you testify, you have 3 minutes to speak. This is about 1 page of single-spaced text. It is recommended you bring several copies of your testimony with you.

How to provide feedback on the budget:

Additional you can provide general feedback to the Board of Education at budgetfeedback@hcpss.org

At the county level:

At the county level you can request that the county increase the money being allocated to Howard County Public Schools. Let them know more money is needed to avoid cutting necessary services.

Relevant County Officials:

Calvin Ball	Liz Walsh
David Yungman	Opel Jones
Deb Jung	Christina Rigby

How to advocate to the County Executive to fully fund the schools' requests:

- Send your emails to executive@howardcountymd.gov
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Emails do not need to be overly complicated. Just let them know what you feel and why you feel this way. Here is a sample letter:

Dear Dr. Ball:

I am writing to encourage you to increase the money provided to the Howard County Public school system so that cuts in current levels of services do not need to be made. [Then give your reasons].

How to advocate to the County Council to fully fund the schools' requests:

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Dear Council Members:

I am writing to encourage you to work with the Howard County Public School System to adequately fund our schools. This year millions of dollars in cuts have been proposed that will greatly impact our school system. It is important.....

At the State Level:

Many of the increases in the HCPSS budget are due to Blueprint mandates. Write to our delegation and the governor ask the state to increase the funding for schools so we can afford the new initiatives. Let them know that without additional state funding positions and services critical to the operation of our schools and education of our students will be cut. Send your emails to the following people:

Katie Fry Hester - katiefry.hester@senate.state.md.us

Clarence Lam - clarence.lam@senate.state.md.us

Guy Guzzone - guy.guzzone@senate.state.md.us

Chao Wu - chao.wu@house.state.md.us

Natalie Ziegler - natalie.ziegler@house.state.md.us

Courtney Watson - courtney.watson@house.state.md.us

Pam Guzzone - pam.guzzone@house.state.md.us

Terri Hill - terri.hill@house.state.md.us

Jessica Feldmark - jessica.feldmark@house.state.md.us

Vanessa Atterbeary - vanessa.atterbeary@house.state.md.us

Jen Terrasa - jen.terrasa@house.state.md.us

Governor Wes Moore - <https://governor.maryland.gov/contact-the-governor/>

Here is a sample letter:

Dear _____,

I am writing to you in response to the millions of dollars in proposed cuts to the Howard County Public School system budget. These cuts will severely impact our schools. Many of the cuts we are facing are due to the mandates in the Blueprint for Education. Although these mandates will bring many wonderful things to our system local county governments cannot afford to implement these positive changes without cutting important services. I implore you, our state officials, to provide more funding to the county school systems so that the Blueprint ideals can be achieved without sacrificing our current system.