



Garrett County Public Schools

# SUPERINTENDENT'S BUDGET PRIORITIES FY2026

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# Our Goals

- Students Challenged
- Employees High Qualified and Effective
- Community Partnerships
- Caring Environment for Learning
- Good Stewards of System Resources

# Negotiated Agreements



5% Salary Increase



2% Health Insurance Increase

# Expand/Enhance Academic Opportunities for Students

## Expanding Secondary Electives

- Driver's Education: \$50,000 as a Contracted Service

## Post CCR Dual Enrollment/AP/CTE Opportunities

- Culinary Arts Teacher at Northern Garrett High School

## Summer Programming

- Local Funds: \$75,000

## Instructional Materials

- Science
  - 6 - 8: \$93,000
- English Language Arts
  - PK4 - 5: \$600,000
- Social Emotional Learning
  - PK - 8: \$32,000

# School Level Requests Beyond Allocations

- Increased funding for Intervention Services or After-School Tutoring
- 2 Assistants
- 3 Teachers (Includes Culinary Arts Teacher)

These requests will be considered as we review enrollment and staffing guidelines.

# Capital Improvements



## Capital Projects

- Complete the new Broad Ford School, PK - 6
- Replace roofing at Northern and Southern Garrett High Schools

# Preliminary Aid to State Aid to Education - Total Aid

<i>MAJOR STATE PROGRAMS</i>			
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Foundation	8,908,933	21,027,869	29,936,802
Blueprint Transition	780,754	-	780,754
College & Career Readiness	82,844	163,342	246,186
Transportation	4,028,159	-	4,028,159
Compensatory Education	5,570,957	8,356,435	13,927,392
Multilingual Learners	28,931	43,397	72,328
Special Education	1,501,474	2,252,211	3,753,685
Pre-kindergarten	838,596	1,945,414	2,784,010
National Board Certification (teachers)	118,627	221,373	340,000
Blueprint coordinators	44,639	105,361	150,000
	21,903,914	34,115,402	56,019,316
<b>Restricted</b>			
Concentration of Poverty	1,469,937	184,293	1,654,230
Transitional Supplemental Instruction	58,049	127,071	185,120
	1,527,986	311,364	1,839,350
<i><b>TOTAL STATE AID</b></i>	23,431,900	34,426,766	57,858,666

# Preliminary Aid to State Aid to Education - Bottom Line

	State	Local	Total
<i>Major State Programs</i>	21,903,914	34,115,402	56,019,316
<i>Restricted State Aid</i>	<u>1,527,986</u>	<u>311,364</u>	<u>1,839,350</u>
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# Summary

The goal for the FY 2026 budget is to support priorities by utilizing the minimum level of funding from the local government, State, federal funds, fund balance from FY 2024, and savings from lapsed salaries.





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