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Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Brenda E. McCartney

TO: Garrett County Board of Education

FROM: Gloria Smith, Director of Finance

DATE: April 8, 2025

CC: Brenda McCartney, Ed.D., Superintendent

RE: House Bill 504's Impact on FY2026 Budget

This memo is to inform you of the latest information available regarding potential FY26 budget reductions per House Bill 504: Excellence in Maryland Public Schools Act. The three Blueprint programs affected are Foundation, Compensatory Education, and Multilingual (English) Learners.

Attached are two spreadsheets showing the total potential reductions. One spreadsheet shows the impact of the cuts over the next years. The other spreadsheet shows those reductions in total as well as the potential reduction in our local share of FY26 funding. Looking at the spreadsheet, GCPS could potentially see a total reduction of \$809,525, with \$543,388 of that reduction in the local share.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

	Preliminary State Aid			HB 504	
	Total	Local Share	%	Est. Reduction	Local Share
Foundation	\$ 29,936,802	\$ 21,027,869	70.2%	\$ 563,165	395,572
Compensatory Education	\$ 13,927,392	\$ 8,356,435	60.0%	\$ 245,088	147,053
English Learners	\$ 72,328	\$ 43,397	60.0%	\$ 1,272	763
				\$ 809,525	\$ 543,388

Foundation

Enrollment factor 3,455

	Excellence in Education		Current Blueprint		
2025	\$ 8,789	Foundation	Current	Foundation	Dec. in Foundation Funding
2026	\$ 9,063	\$ 31,312,665	\$ 9,226	\$ 31,875,830	\$ (563,165)
2027	\$ 9,398	\$ 32,470,090	\$ 9,732	\$ 33,624,060	\$ (1,153,970)
2028	\$ 9,626	\$ 33,257,830	\$ 10,138	\$ 35,026,790	\$ (1,768,960)
2029	\$ 9,866	\$ 34,087,030	\$ 10,564	\$ 36,498,620	\$ (2,411,590)
2030	\$ 10,276	\$ 35,503,580	\$ 11,004	\$ 38,018,820	\$ (2,515,240)
2031	\$ 10,683	\$ 36,909,765	\$ 11,442	\$ 39,532,110	\$ (2,622,345)
2032	\$ 11,104	\$ 38,364,320	\$ 11,898	\$ 41,107,590	\$ (2,743,270)
2033	\$ 11,536	\$ 39,856,880	\$ 12,365	\$ 42,721,075	\$ (2,864,195)
				Cumulative	\$ (16,642,735)

Compensatory Education

Enrollment factor 1,776

	Excellence in Education		Current Blueprint		
2025	\$ 7,559	Comp Ed	Current	Comp Ed	Dec. in Comp Ed Funding
2026	\$ 7,704	\$ 13,682,304	\$ 7,842	\$ 13,927,392	\$ (245,088)
2027	\$ 7,518	\$ 13,351,968	\$ 7,786	\$ 13,827,936	\$ (475,968)
2028	\$ 7,508	\$ 13,334,208	\$ 7,908	\$ 14,044,608	\$ (710,400)
2029	\$ 7,498	\$ 13,316,448	\$ 8,029	\$ 14,259,504	\$ (943,056)
2030	\$ 7,810	\$ 13,870,560	\$ 8,363	\$ 14,852,688	\$ (982,128)
2031	\$ 8,012	\$ 14,229,312	\$ 8,582	\$ 15,241,632	\$ (1,012,320)
2032	\$ 7,884	\$ 14,001,984	\$ 8,448	\$ 15,003,648	\$ (1,001,664)
2033	\$ 8,421	\$ 14,955,696	\$ 9,026	\$ 16,030,176	\$ (1,074,480)
				Cumulative	\$ (6,445,104)

Multilingual Learner

Enrollment factor 8

	Excellence in Education		Current Blueprint		
2025	\$ 8,965	Multilingual Learner	Current	Multilingual Learner	Dec. in ML Funding
2026	\$ 8,882	\$ 71,056	\$ 9,041	\$ 72,328	\$ (1,272)
2027	\$ 8,834	\$ 70,672	\$ 9,148	\$ 73,184	\$ (2,512)
2028	\$ 8,856	\$ 70,848	\$ 9,327	\$ 74,616	\$ (3,768)
2029	\$ 8,978	\$ 71,824	\$ 9,613	\$ 76,904	\$ (5,080)
2030	\$ 9,146	\$ 73,168	\$ 9,794	\$ 78,352	\$ (5,184)
2031	\$ 9,401	\$ 75,208	\$ 10,069	\$ 80,552	\$ (5,344)
2032	\$ 9,549	\$ 76,392	\$ 10,232	\$ 81,856	\$ (5,464)
2033	\$ 9,806	\$ 78,448	\$ 10,510	\$ 84,080	\$ (5,632)
				Cumulative	\$ (34,256)

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.

