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RE: MSAR #12944 Local Maintenance of Effort ED § 5-235(n)

Dear Governor Moore, President Ferguson, and Speaker Peña-Melnyk:

In accordance with § 5-235(n) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is submitting this report regarding the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) required of local jurisdictions to the 24 local school systems for fiscal year 2026. The attached submission reports on all waiver requests, maintenance of effort calculations made by the Department and the county, the Department's decisions regarding waiver requests, the Department's certification of whether a county has met the requirement, and any other information relating to a county's request for a waiver and the Department's maintenance of effort decisions.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Laurel Cratsley, Interim Executive Director, Governmental Affairs, Education Policy, and External Relations by email at laurel.cratsley@maryland.gov or by telephone at 410-767-0906.

Sincerely,



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State Superintendent of Schools

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Maryland State Department of Education
Compilation of Maintenance of Effort Certification for Fiscal Year 2026

Local Education Agency	Adjusted Local Share	Required Maintenance of Effort (MOE)	Total Local Appropriation	Certified Net Local Appropriation	Net Local Appropriation in Excess of MOE
Allegany *	26,804,977	33,785,089	34,622,552	34,622,552	837,463
Anne Arundel	780,932,762	934,888,402	981,557,700	981,557,700	46,669,298
Baltimore City	391,378,316	392,342,114	392,342,114	392,342,114	-
Baltimore	880,772,745	961,854,627	1,006,619,953	995,815,953	33,961,326
Calvert	95,711,574	163,046,853	163,046,853	163,046,853	-
Caroline	20,259,567	18,573,538	20,259,567	20,259,567	1,686,029
Carroll	163,345,341	239,164,909	251,971,660	251,971,660	12,806,751
Cecil	99,034,345	97,304,985	105,386,116	105,386,116	8,081,131
Charles	166,813,838	233,712,997	242,644,900	242,644,900	8,931,903
Dorchester	26,316,174	23,533,352	26,316,174	26,316,174	2,782,822
Frederick	311,337,714	420,639,732	431,556,813	431,231,813	10,592,081
Garrett	34,321,405	29,899,226	34,566,766	34,566,766	4,667,540
Harford	260,352,745	320,209,508	347,602,277	347,602,277	27,392,769
Howard	446,788,746	760,721,186	816,005,000	814,500,000	53,778,814
Kent	21,187,513	19,892,134	21,499,813	21,499,813	1,607,679
Montgomery	1,675,303,398	2,122,594,563	2,338,642,338	2,338,642,338	216,047,775
Prince George's	967,592,621	911,865,183	967,592,621	967,592,621	55,727,438
Queen Anne's	64,821,716	75,114,120	82,729,260	82,729,260	7,615,140
St. Mary's	108,702,576	133,450,328	137,469,907	137,469,907	4,019,579
Somerset	12,096,362	10,447,044	13,100,404	13,100,404	2,653,360
Talbot	54,933,441	54,265,993	55,683,278	55,683,278	1,417,285
Washington	120,412,352	111,238,324	120,412,352	120,412,352	9,174,028
Wicomico	51,882,937	53,226,055	55,807,903	55,807,903	2,581,848
Worcester	78,281,657	106,278,519	112,026,997	111,984,899	5,706,380
Total	6,859,384,822	8,228,048,782	8,759,463,318	8,746,787,220	518,738,438

Totals may not sum due to rounding

** \$754,195 of the total local appropriation is for pensions and is equal to the 2025 BRFA required amount for teachers' retirement, and should not be considered an appropriation to the local education agency. As a result, \$33,868,357 is the true net local appropriation used for FY 27 MOE calculations.*

FISCAL YEAR 2026 NONRECURRING COST REQUESTS AND MSDE DECISIONS						
LEA	DESCRIPTION OF NONRECURRING COST REQUEST	CATEGORY	REQUESTED AMOUNT	COMAR	Result	Funded/ Not Funded
Allegany	No request					
Anne Arundel	No request					
Baltimore County	Start-up funds (\$1,500 per student) for textbooks, library books and classroom supplies needed for the following new school construction with additional capacity: Dundalk High School 717 _additional seats; Lansdowne High School 446 additional seats Deer Park Elementary School (delayed until August 2026) 351 additional students.	New School or Instructional Start-Up Cost	\$ 2,271,000	Code of Maryland Regulations § I3A.02.05.03 (c)	Approved	Funded
Baltimore County	HVAC replacements for Lyons Mill Elementary School, Rosedale Alternative Center and Southwest Academy, Replacement cost is more cost beneficial than a repair that could never be guaranteed to be made fully functional.	Capital Items other than Land and	\$ 1,325,000	Code of Maryland Regulations § I3A.02.05.03 (e)	Approved	Funded
Baltimore County	Contract to make needed repairs/replacement of asphalt and concrete at five schools that have unlevel and unsafe walking surfaces in the parking lots, bus loop, and driveway_ Schools to get asphalt renovations/replacement are: Pinewood Elementary School, Franklin Middle School, Southwest Academy, Deep Creek Middle School and Middlesex Elementary School.	Other	\$ 130,000	Code of Maryland Regulations § I3A.02.05.03 (f)	Denied	Not Funded
Baltimore County	Repair concrete stormwater drainage swale at Villa Cresta Elementary School. This includes renovation of approximately 1,000 LF of swale, and replacement of corrugated metal pipes and sidewalks at the two neighborhood sidewalk entrances to the school site	Other	\$ 140,000	Code of Maryland Regulations § I3A.02.05.03 (f)	Denied	Not Funded
Baltimore County	Purchase EX Mark wide area mower for the new Nottingham Middle School (34.08 acres) and Rossville Elementary School (13.5 acres), total of 47.08 acres.	Capital Items other than Land and	\$ 68,000	Code of Maryland Regulations § I3A.02.05.03 (e)	Denied	Not Funded
Baltimore County	Garage doors at the Cockeysville location are in need of replacement due to wear and tear and most are 40 years old. The bus lifts at that location cannot currently be used to their full potential due to this issue.	Capital Items other than Land and	\$ 165,000	Code of Maryland Regulations § I3A.02.05.03 (e)	Denied	Not Funded
Baltimore County	Alternative Transportation Vans will be used to transport students with special transportation indicated on their IEPs and students experiencing homelessness.	Capital Items other than Land and	\$ 168,000	Code of Maryland Regulations § I3A.02.05.03 (e)	Approved	Funded
Baltimore County	Implementation consulting fees, training and support for completely new Oracle enterprise resource planning (ERP) human resources, finance, payroll, and budget system	Software	\$ 7,040,000	Code of Maryland Regulations § I3A.02.05.03 (b)	Approved	Funded
Baltimore County	Contractual resources for staff development of Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA) software for BCPS offices.	Other	\$ 5,000	Code of Maryland Regulations §	Denied	Not Funded
Calvert	No request					
Caroline	No request					
Carroll	No request					

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Cecil	No request					
Charles	No request					
Dorchester	No request					
Frederick	FCPS will be constructing and opening Elementary school #41 in August 2026 (FY27). These funds will be used to purchase materials of instruction not covered in the capital appropriation.	New School or Instructional	\$ 325,000	Code of Maryland Regulations § 13A.02.05.03 (c)	Approved	Funded
Garrett	No request					
Harford	No request					
Howard	Security enhancements at schools to include internal door and external renovations and replacements. These enhancements will increase student safety during school lockdown events. Currently, all primary entrance and exit doors, usually the front entrance and rear entrance, on school facilities have electric strike (card readers) to gain entrance in the building. All other doors on the perimeter of the building at most have a simple locking mechanism. In high schools in Howard County, all interior doors leading to classrooms have a lock and key, aiding in a lockdown. Middle schools and elementary schools do not yet have this safety feature. This one time funding would allow for security upgrades at school facilities in HCPSS to increase the safety and security of our students. In the past year, we have had a significant increase to situational lockdowns and acts of violence in and around schools. Increasing the security capabilities of our facilities would produce a safe	Hardware	\$ 1,000,000	Code of Maryland Regulations § 13A.02.05.03 (e)	Approved	Funded
Howard	Ice machines for High School Athletics and Activities to ensure sanitary and safe conditions for students in all weather conditions, particularly in the late spring, summer, and early fall months in which the health of our students is paramount in increasing heat and humidity. HCPSS has issued Heat Alerts at an increasing rate in recent years. Providing ice machines as a one time expense to each high school will increase student safety and health as they pursue extra-curricular activities and participate in high school athletics	Capital Items other than Land and Buildings	\$ 200,000	Code of Maryland Regulations § 13A.02.05.03 (e)	Approved	Funded
Howard	The replacement of aging vehicles of the White Fleet of central office operated vehicles is paramount to the transportation needs of central office staff when responding to emergencies, maintenance needs of facilities, or maintaining the current level of service. HCPSS is unique in that central office services are offered from multiple locations, and are separate from any other school facility. Bringing the fleet of the central office up to date with this one time expense will allow staff to be responsive to the day to day needs of the school system	Capital Items other than Land and Buildings	\$ 155,000	Code of Maryland Regulations § 13A.02.05.03 (e)	Approved	Funded

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Howard	Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) ("forever chemicals") Filtration System at Bushy Park ES, Lisbon ES, Dayton Oaks ES, Folly Quarter MS, Glenelg HS, and Triadelphia Ridge ES. All of the school facilities listed receive well water. Upgrading the Filtration System at each facility increases the health and safety of every student and educator.	Other	\$ 150,000	Code of Maryland Regulations § 13A.02.05.03 (f)	Approved	Funded
Kent	No request					
Montgomery	No request					
Prince George's	No request					
Queen Anne's	No request					
St. Mary's	No request					
Somerset	No request					
Talbot	No request					
Washington	Purchase of 15 School Buses for Washington County Public Schools	Capital Items other than Land and	\$ 2,240,000	Code of Maryland Regulations § 13A.02.05.03 (e)	Approved	Not Funded
Wicomico	No request					
Worcester	One Time Implementation Cost of the Zonar software on all buses- this software will assist in safeguarding student riders, optimizing routes, ensuring compliance with regulatory safety standards to proactively prioritize vehicle health and uptime.	New Technology	\$ 42,098	COMAR 13A.02.05.03(b).	Approved	Funded
Baltimore City	No request					