



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> | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Unrestricted | State | Local | TOTAL |
| 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 |
| Restricted | | | |
| 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 |
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| TOTAL STATE AID | 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> |
| <i>Total</i> | 23,431,900 | 34,426,766 | 57,858,666 |

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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