

## **New on the MCPS Web**

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The \$1.815 billion recommendation is an increase of \$37.6 million more than the approved six-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The amended CIP includes a recommended FY 2020 expenditure of \$324.33 million, an increase of \$15.97 million more than the approved FY 2020 expenditure of \$308.36 million. The Board will hold public hearings on the CIP amendments and recommendations on November 8 and 12. An additional public hearing will be scheduled for November 19, if alternatives are offered at the November 15 work session. All hearings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville. Visit the CIP [webpage](#) for more information. A blurb is provided below.

### **Raising Awareness: Assault, Bullying, Harassment, and Hazing**

Superintendent of Schools Jack R. Smith sent an important video message to all secondary students about assault, bullying, harassment, and hazing and steps MCPS takes to address these issues in schools. The video can be viewed at the following link: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9j-1DGvKRc&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9j-1DGvKRc&feature=youtu.be).

### **Parent Portal**

MCPS is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new Student Information System. A component of the system will include a new parent/student portal. The district wants to hear from parents/guardians about their ideas for using an online parent portal and is asking parents to complete a brief survey. The survey can be found at the following link: [docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpIgOjomj77hClTBQDYokS4LtCQGLgsyjjPF5OpZzcqQ1l1uA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpIgOjomj77hClTBQDYokS4LtCQGLgsyjjPF5OpZzcqQ1l1uA/viewform). Please share this information with your school community. A blurb is provided below.

## **Other News**

### **Schools of the Future**

Schools of the Future is the district's area of focus for the month of November. Curriculum, instruction, and learning environments are critical to student success. What do the schools of the future look like structurally and programmatically? How do we help our students fulfill their potential and develop them into the leaders of tomorrow? The Department of Communications would like to highlight any events, programs, or special initiatives at schools across the district that address this theme. Please contact the Division of Public Information and Web Services at 240-740-2837 or e-mail your story ideas to [pio@mcpsmd.org](mailto:pio@mcpsmd.org).

### **STEM Festival Set for November 10**

Montgomery County Public Schools and educational partners will showcase elementary, middle and high school science, technology, engineering and math opportunities with engaging hands-on activities and dynamic demonstrations at a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Festival Showcase on Saturday, November 10. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Northwood High School, 919 University Boulevard West in Silver Spring. This family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

The STEM Festival Showcase is part of the [Maryland STEM Festival](#), which runs from October 26 to November 11. The Maryland STEM Festival seeks to inspire the next generation of STEM leaders.

### **MCPS Foundation Launches Dine with Dignity Campaign**

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In response, The Foundation created a fund to help the district settle unpaid lunch balances and to allow students with negative account balances to enjoy traditional lunch choices. Learn more and donate today at [www.mcpsfoundation.org/dine206](http://www.mcpsfoundation.org/dine206) . A blurb is provided below.

### **Winter Coat Drive Under Way**

The Prekindergarten/Head Start Programs is seeking donations to provide students with new winter coats. They are collecting coats for boys and girls in sizes 5, 6, and 7, along with other winter wear, such as hats and gloves. Monetary donations are welcome. Donations can be sent to Rocking Horse Road Center, 4910 Macon Road, Room 141, Rockville, Maryland 20852. For more information, please contact [Lisa Conlon](#) at 240-740-4530. A blurb is provided below.

### **Homework Hotline Live Celebrating 33rd Season**

Did you know that *Homework Hotline Live* (HHL) began its 33rd season this fall? HHL is the longest running television program in Montgomery County history. More importantly, during its 30-plus years on air, the show has offered nearly 7,000 hours of teacher-led homework help to hundreds of MCPS students on air and online. Let's keep the numbers growing and help spread the word about HHL. The show airs Tuesdays through Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. on Comcast 33, Verizon 35, and RCN88. You can help promote HHL by putting a link to the HHL website ([www.AskHHL.org](http://www.AskHHL.org)) on your school website and including HHL in your school announcements and newsletters. New this year are the HHL Mathema-Chicken who plucks out math questions and HHL 8GB flash drive prizes! A sample morning announcement is included below.

### **MCPS TV**

## MCPS Moments

- [East Silver Spring Elementary School Teacher Wins Milken Award](#)

### *Esta Semana en MCPS*

*Esta Semana en MCPS* is a brief update, in Spanish, on what is happening throughout the district. The shows are cablecast on MCPS TV and may be viewed at the following URLs:

- Spanish: [www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC2A7ADDEDF1F2A2E](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC2A7ADDEDF1F2A2E)

### **Blurbs for school newsletters, websites, etc.**

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Come share your thoughts on the amendments to the CIP. The Board of Education will hold public hearings on the CIP amendments and recommendations on November 8 and 12. An additional public hearing will be scheduled for November 19, if alternatives are offered at the November 15 work session. All hearings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville. The Board will approve a CIP amendment request on November 27. The request will then be submitted to the Montgomery County Executive and the Montgomery County Council for consideration. For more information on the hearings and to sign up to speak, visit the [Board of Education website](#).

The County Executive will issue his recommended FY 2019-2024 CIP amendments for all county agencies by mid-January for Council discussion and action. The Council will hold a hearing in early February and will conduct work sessions in March and April, before adopting an approved FY 2020 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2019-2024 CIP by the end of May. You can read the news release here:

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/press/index.aspx?pagetype=showrelease&id=8234&type=&startYear=&pageNumber=&mode=](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/press/index.aspx?pagetype=showrelease&id=8234&type=&startYear=&pageNumber=&mode=).

#### **El Superintendente Smith de MCPS Hace Público el Presupuesto de Capital para el Año Fiscal 2020 y las Enmiendas al CIP; Recomienda Límites Geográficos para la Nueva Clarksburg Elementary School**

El Superintendente de Escuelas Jack R. Smith está solicitando ajustes menores al Programa de Mejoras de Capital (Capital Improvements Program–CIP) para los Años Fiscales 2019–2024 para

gestionar el crecimiento de la matrícula, la seguridad en las escuelas y el acceso a programas de preparación para la universidad y para carreras.

La recomendación de \$1.815 mil millones representa un aumento de \$37.6 millones más que el CIP de seis años aprobado. El CIP enmendado incluye \$324.33 millones en gastos para el Año Fiscal 2020, un aumento de \$15.97 millones más que los \$308.36 millones en gastos aprobado para el Año Fiscal 2020.

Venga a compartir su opinión sobre las enmiendas al CIP. El Consejo de Educación tendrá dos audiencias públicas sobre las enmiendas al CIP y las recomendaciones, que tendrán lugar los días 8 y 12 de noviembre. Se programará una audiencia pública adicional para el 19 de noviembre, si durante la sesión de trabajo del 15 de noviembre se ofrecen alternativas. Todas las audiencias comenzarán a las 6:00 p.m., y tendrán lugar en Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive, en Rockville. El Consejo aprobará un pedido de enmienda al CIP el 27 de noviembre. El pedido será entonces enviado al Ejecutivo del Condado de Montgomery y al Concejo del Condado de Montgomery para su consideración. Para más información sobre las audiencias y para inscribirse para hablar, visite la página web del Consejo de Educación (Board of Education).

Para mediados de enero, el Ejecutivo del Condado emitirá sus enmiendas al CIP recomendadas para los Años Fiscales 2019–2024 para todas las agencias del condado, para que sean examinadas y se adopten medidas. A principios de febrero, el Concejo del Condado tendrá una audiencia y en marzo y abril llevará a cabo sesiones de trabajo, antes de adoptar un Presupuesto de Capital aprobado para el Año Fiscal 2020 y Enmiendas al CIP para los Años Fiscales 2019–2024 para fines de mayo. Usted puede leer el comunicado de prensa aquí:

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/press/index.aspx?pagetype=showrelease&id=8234&type=&startYear=&pageNumber=&mode=](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/press/index.aspx?pagetype=showrelease&id=8234&type=&startYear=&pageNumber=&mode=).

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- account creation and management
- access to schedule, grades, attendance and test scores
- access to content posted by the school/teacher
- ability to complete important forms online
- a mobile or mobile app option

You can access the survey [here](#).

### **Comparta Su Opinión sobre Portal para los Padres**

MCPS está emitiendo una Solicitud de Propuestas (Request for Proposals–RFP) para un nuevo Sistema de Información para los Estudiantes. Uno de los componentes del sistema incluirá un nuevo portal para los padres/estudiantes. El distrito escolar desea conocer las ideas de los padres para el uso de un portal para los padres en línea, incluyendo:

- creación y administración de cuentas
- acceso a horarios de clases, calificaciones, registros de asistencia escolar y puntajes de exámenes
- acceso al contenido publicado por la escuela/los maestros
- capacidad para llenar formularios importantes en línea
- una opción móvil o una aplicación móvil

Usted puede acceder a la encuesta [aquí](#).

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### **Familias de MCPS Invitadas al Festival de Exhibición de STEM**

Montgomery County Public Schools y colaboradores en la educación exhibirán oportunidades de ciencias, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics–STEM) en las escuelas elementales, de enseñanza media y secundarias, con actividades entretenidas y prácticas y demostraciones dinámicas, durante un Festival de Exhibición de STEM, el sábado, 10 de noviembre. El evento tendrá lugar de 10:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m., en Northwood High School, 919 University Boulevard West, en Silver Spring. Este evento para la familia es gratuito y abierto al público.

El Festival de Exhibición de STEM es parte del [Festival de STEM de Maryland](#), que se lleva a cabo del 26 de octubre al 11 de noviembre. El Festival de STEM de Maryland busca inspirar a la próxima generación de líderes en STEM.

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To raise awareness about this special childhood hunger issue and awareness about the campaign, The Foundation enlisted help from Starbucks and now through December 2, messages about the Dine with Dignity campaign will be on [coffeehouse tables](#) and [condiment bars](#) in 46 Montgomery County Starbucks' locations. Learn more and donate today at [www.mcpsfoundation.org/dine206](http://www.mcpsfoundation.org/dine206).

### **Fundación de MCPS Inicia Campaña Comer con Dignidad (Dine with Dignity)**

La Fundación Educativa de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Montgomery (Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation) inició su Campaña Comer con Dignidad el 29 de octubre, para concientizar y recaudar fondos para resguardar la dignidad de los estudiantes en las salas de almuerzo.

El año pasado en MCPS, se intercambiaron 34,000 almuerzos escolares tradicionales por comidas alternativas que fueron provistas a estudiantes que no calificaban para el programa de almuerzos gratuitos y que tenían un saldo negativo de \$10 o más en sus cuentas de almuerzo. La comida alternativa identificaba a esos estudiantes ante sus compañeros como que no tenían dinero para comprar almuerzo, aumentando las probabilidades de avergonzar a los estudiantes.

En respuesta a eso, la Fundación creó un fondo para ayudar al distrito a saldar las deudas de almuerzos no pagados y permitir que los estudiantes con saldos negativos en sus cuentas disfruten de opciones de almuerzos tradicionales. Igualmente se pide a las familias que paguen la deuda, o que contribuyan lo que puedan dentro de sus medios para saldar la deuda de la cuenta de almuerzo de sus hijos; el Fondo Comer con Dignidad paga el resto.

Para crear consciencia sobre este problema especial de hambre infantil y sobre la campaña, la Fundación obtuvo la ayuda de Starbucks y desde ahora y hasta el 2 de diciembre en 46 localidades de Starbucks en el Condado de Montgomery se colocarán mensajes de la Campaña Comer con Dignidad sobre [las mesas de sus cafeterías](#) y en [las barras de condimentos](#). Conozca más y haga su donación hoy en [www.mcpsfoundation.org/dine206](http://www.mcpsfoundation.org/dine206).

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### **Está en Marcha la Campaña de Recolección de Abrigos de Invierno**

Los programas de Prekindergarten/Head Start están pidiendo donaciones para proporcionar nuevos abrigos de invierno a los alumnos. Están recolectando abrigos para niños y niñas de tallas 5, 6 y 7, además de otras prendas de invierno, tales como sombreros/gorros y guantes. Se aceptan

donaciones monetarias. Las donaciones pueden ser enviadas a Rocking Horse Road Center, 4910 Macon Road, Room 141, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Para más información, comuníquese con [Lisa Conlon](#) llamando al 240-740-4530.

### **Homework Hotline Live Celebrating 33rd Season (English and Spanish)**

Need homework help? Then call *Homework Hotline Live*. With HHL, you get free after-school homework help from MCPS teachers. You can call the live TV show at 301-279-3234 or send a question online via text or e-mail. When school is in session, watch teachers answer your homework questions live on MCPS-TV from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. You can also get online help from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Go to [www.AskHHL.org](http://www.AskHHL.org) for more info and to download the free HHL app! If you call in and correctly answer a BrainTeaser question, you could win an HHL 8GB Flashdrive! Tune in to see the HHL Mathema-Chicken pluck out some math questions.

- HHL General Info:
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  - Text: 724-427-5445
  - Live TV show on Comcast 33, Verizon 35, RCN 88
  - [www.AskHHL.org](http://www.AskHHL.org)

### **La Línea en Vivo para Ayuda con las Tareas (Homework Hotline Live) Celebra 33 Temporadas en el Aire**

¿Necesitas ayuda con las tareas escolares? Entonces llama a Homework Hotline Live (HHL). Con HHL, consigues ayuda gratuita de maestros de MCPS para hacer las tareas después del horario escolar. Puedes llamar al programa que se televisa en vivo, teléfono 301-279-3234, o envía una pregunta en línea por mensaje de texto o por correo electrónico. Cuando la escuela está en sesión, mira como los maestros responden a tus preguntas sobre las tareas en vivo por MCPS-TV, de 4:30 a 6:00 p.m., los martes, miércoles y jueves. También puedes obtener ayuda en línea de 6:00 a 9:00 p.m., de lunes a jueves. ¡Ingresa a [www.AskHHL.org](http://www.AskHHL.org) para más información y para descargar la aplicación gratuita de HHL! ¡Si llamas y respondes correctamente a una pregunta de acertijo, podrías ganarte una memoria flash de 8GB de HHL! Sintonízate para ver cómo el Pollo Matemático (Mathema-Chicken) de HHL despluma algunas preguntas de matemáticas.

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