

FY 2008 Operating Budget Recommendations

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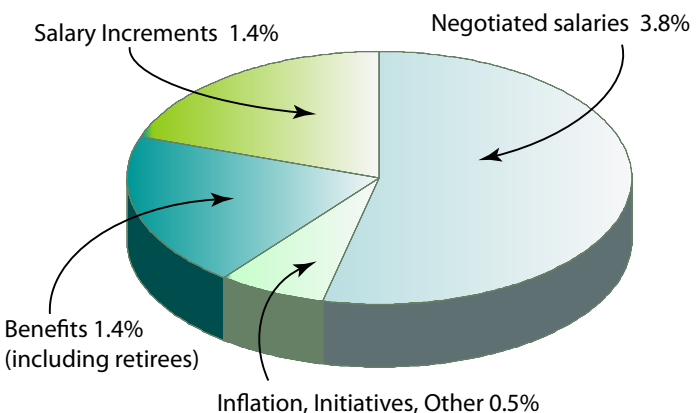
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Recommendations to Improve Student Achievement

- Implement middle school reform
- Increase supports in high schools to support High School Assessment proficiency
- Add more counselors in middle and high schools
- Expand online courses for high school students
- Expand magnet program in high school
- Increase supports to special education students in general education classes
- Add 15 elementary assistant principals
- Add 13 elementary instructional data assistants
- Add staff for elementary art, music, and PE classes
- Provide more team leaders in elementary school
- Develop a pilot program to help ESOL high school students with interrupted education
- Increase translation services to families with limited English skills

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\$132.2 million increase ■ 7.1% increase



Operating Budget Highlights

- Total recommended budget of \$1.98 billion
- Increase of \$132 million—7.1% over last year; 4% of the increase is from local taxpayers
- 73% of budget revenue is from the county, lowest local tax share ever; 21% is from the state; 3% is from the federal government; 3% is from enterprise fund activities and all other sources
- 80 cents of every dollar is for instructional spending
- 2% is spent on central administrative costs

Montgomery County Public Schools Record of Success

- 88% of kindergarten students reading compared with 39% five years ago. Gap is closed between White students and their African American and Hispanic peers
- 46% of Grade 5 students taking middle school math compared with 2% in 2001
- Record 30,340 students in Honors and AP courses
- More than 5,000 African American students in Honors and AP courses compared with 1,900 7 years ago; Hispanic enrollment grew from 1,276 to more than 4,000
- 44% of seniors scored a 3 or better on AP tests compared with 14% nationally
- 224 national AP scholars—compared with 20 three years ago
- All 23 eligible high schools named among the top 3% in the nation by *Newsweek* magazine for the second consecutive year
- 12 semifinalists in the Intel talent search
- 32 National Blue Ribbon schools
- 58 National Merit Scholars, an increase from 34 in 1998

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