

Board of Education Summary

Vision

Harford County Public Schools will be a community of learners in which our public schools, families, public officials, businesses, community organizations, and other citizens work collaboratively to prepare all of our students to succeed academically and socially in a diverse, democratic, change-oriented, and global society.

Mission

The mission of the Harford County Public Schools is to promote excellence in instructional leadership and teaching and to provide facilities and instructional materials that support teaching and learning for the 21st century. The Harford County Board of Education will support this mission by fostering a climate for deliberate change and monitoring progress through measurable indicators.

Board of Education Goals

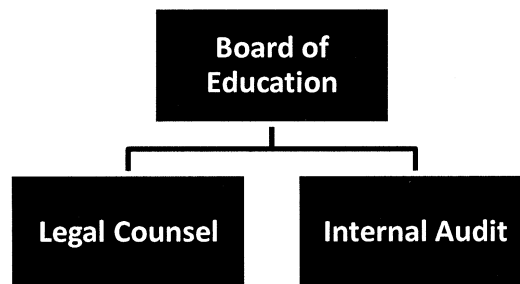
- **Goal 1:** To prepare every student for success in postsecondary education and a career.
- **Goal 2:** To encourage and monitor engagement between the school system and the community to support student achievement.
- **Goal 3:** To hire and support skilled staff who are committed to increasing student achievement.
- **Goal 4:** To provide safe, secure, and healthy learning environments that are conducive to effective teaching and learning.

Board of Education Objectives

- To inform the community about the school system’s successes and challenges.
- To identify areas of strength and weakness and describe the ways in which we will address our needs and build on successes.
- To provide an opportunity to engage the Board in dialogue regarding the status of our schools.

PROGRAM COMPONENT ORGANIZATION

The Board of Education Program is comprised of the Board of Education Services, Internal Audit and In-house Counsel Services. The Board of Education provides the policy direction for Harford County Public Schools. The Board oversees the operations of the school system. The Internal Auditor and Legal Counsel Offices work with the Board of Education in an advisory capacity.



	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2012 Budget	FY 2013 Budget	Change FY12 - FY13
BOARD OF EDUCATION	452,351	447,029	556,993	615,068	639,182	24,114
Board of Education Services	143,752	106,666	200,953	250,755	267,871	17,116
Legal Services	198,878	200,030	201,391	208,496	212,105	3,609
Internal Audit Services	109,721	140,333	154,649	155,817	159,206	3,389

**Summary Report
Board of Education**

By Object Code <small>Board of Education</small>	FY11 Actual	FY12 Actual	FY12 Budget	12 - 13 Change	FY13 Budget
Salaries	\$312,757	\$366,768	\$368,686	\$10,914	\$379,600
Contracted Services	\$77,698	\$86,763	\$123,830	\$10,000	\$133,830
Supplies	\$10,898	\$10,596	\$14,150	\$0	\$14,150
Other Charges	\$45,610	\$92,620	\$107,902	\$3,200	\$111,102
Equipment	\$67	\$245	\$500	\$0	\$500
Total	\$447,029	\$556,992	\$615,068	\$24,114	\$639,182

Full Time Equivalent Positions - Budgeted				
<small>Board of Education</small>	FY11	FY12	Change	FY13
Attorney	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
Clerical	2.0	3.0	0.0	3.0
Internal Auditor	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
Total	4.0	5.0	0.0	5.0

By State Category <small>Board of Education</small>	FY11 Actual	FY12 Actual	FY12 Budget	12 - 13 Change	FY13 Budget	FY13 FTE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES						
Salaries	\$238,607	\$292,617	\$292,918	\$8,071	\$300,989	
Contracted Services	\$77,698	\$86,763	\$123,830	\$10,000	\$133,830	
Supplies	\$10,898	\$10,596	\$14,150	\$0	\$14,150	
Other Charges	\$45,610	\$92,620	\$107,902	\$3,200	\$111,102	
Equipment	\$67	\$245	\$500	\$0	\$500	
TOTAL	\$372,878	\$482,841	\$539,300	\$21,271	\$560,571	4.2
SPECIAL EDUCATION						
Salaries	\$74,151	\$74,151	\$75,768	\$2,843	\$78,611	
TOTAL	\$74,151	\$74,151	\$75,768	\$2,843	\$78,611	0.8
Grand Total	\$447,029	\$556,992	\$615,068	\$24,114	\$639,182	5.0

Board of Education Services

Program Overview

Policy making for the Harford County Public Schools is vested in the Harford County Board of Education. Senate Bill 629 enacted by the 2009 Maryland General Assembly, and effective July 1, 2009, provides for a nine member board of education in Harford County. Six of the members are to be elected (three in the 2010 General Election and three in the 2014 General Election) and three of the members are appointed by the Governor (two appointed in 2010 and one in 2014). Each Board member serves a term of four years. Board members may not serve for more than two consecutive terms. This legislation also authorized the position of a nonvoting student member who is to be elected by the students of the Harford County Public Schools system in a manner specified by the Board.

Members of the Board do not receive salary or compensation, but receive an allowance of \$300 monthly for travel and other expenses related to the performance of their duties.

The Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland defines specific statutory powers of the Board of Education which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Determine, with the Superintendent's advice, educational policies.
- Appoint principals, teachers and other personnel and set their salaries.
- Prepare an annual Operating and Capital budget.
- Establish at least one citizen advisory committee.
- Adopt curriculum guides, course of study and other teaching aids recommended by the Superintendent.
- Acquire, rent, repair, improve and build school buildings.
- Purchase and distribute instructional materials and equipment.
- Provide for an annual audit, and
- Determine student attendance areas.

FY 2013 Funding Adjustments

The changes to Board of Education Services for fiscal 2013 are:

- Net salary adjustments totaling \$916;
- Increase in contracted service expense, \$10,000; and,
- Increase in other charges, \$6,200.

The increase in expenditures over the fiscal 2012 budget for the Board of Education is \$17,116.

Board of Education Services

By Object Code	FY11	FY12	FY12	12 - 13	FY13
<i>Board of Education Services</i>	Actual	Actual	Budget	Change	Budget
Salaries	\$0	\$38,873	\$39,125	\$916	\$40,041
Contracted Services	\$67,481	\$75,851	\$112,830	\$10,000	\$122,830
Supplies	\$26	\$656	\$1,900	\$0	\$1,900
Other Charges	\$39,160	\$85,573	\$96,900	\$6,200	\$103,100
Total	\$106,666	\$200,953	\$250,755	\$17,116	\$267,871

Full Time Equivalent Positions - Budgeted

<i>Board of Education Services</i>	FY11	FY12	Change	FY13
Clerical	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
Total	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0

By State Category	FY11	FY12	FY12	12 - 13	FY13	FY13
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Other Charges	\$39,160	\$85,573	\$96,900	\$6,200	\$103,100	
TOTAL	\$106,666	\$200,953	\$250,755	\$17,116	\$267,871	1.0
Grand Total	\$106,666	\$200,953	\$250,755	\$17,116	\$267,871	1.0

Legal Counsel

Program Overview

The Legal Counsel Office provides legal services to the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, and administrative staff. These duties include:

- Review and interpretation of existing legislation.
- Review and interpretation of judicial decisions affecting education.
- Provision of legal advice regarding specific cases and/or matters.
- Representation in formal cases involving student, employee, contracts and other matters.
- Providing advice regarding and formulating board policy.
- Providing advice and representation in special education cases or special education matters.
- Preparation of opinion letters for the Board and Superintendent.
- Responding to Maryland Public Information Requests.
- Attendance at and provision of legal advice to various board committees and/or subcommittees.
- Providing oversight and supervision to the Governmental Relations Office.
- Serving as liaison to the Board's Ethics Panel.
- Providing oversight regarding charter school legal matters.

Goals - FY 2013

- Provide effective and timely legal advice to the Board; the Superintendent and school system staff.
- Provide timely and effective legal representation in matters which are pending before administrative agencies or courts involving special education, employment matters, and general litigation involving the Board.
- Provide timely updates regarding the effect and/or impact of new legislation and/or judicial cases involving education issues.
- Provide effective and timely legal advice to the Ethics Panel in matters involving legal issues unrelated to the Board; providing administrative services, e.g. arranging for Panel meetings; collecting financial disclosure reports from administrative and supervisory personnel on a yearly basis; meeting with the Chairman regarding issues or concerns or a specific matter.
- Provide effective, high quality staff development presentations regarding legal topics.
- Provide effective policy drafting; analysis and development.
- Provide effective direction, guidance and representation to the Department of Special Education.
- Provide effective direction and guidance to the Governmental Relations Office.

FY 2013 Funding Adjustments

The changes for FY 2012 include:

- Net salary adjustments totaling \$5,859; and,
- Decrease in other charges, (\$2,250).

The net increase in expenditures over the fiscal 2012 budget for Legal Counsel is \$3.609.

Legal Services

By Object Code	FY11	FY12	FY12	12 - 13	FY13
<i>Legal Services</i>	Actual	Actual	Budget	Change	Budget
Salaries	\$185,377	\$186,627	\$188,244	\$5,859	\$194,103
Supplies	\$9,532	\$8,993	\$10,750	\$0	\$10,750
Other Charges	\$5,122	\$5,525	\$9,002	(\$2,250)	\$6,752
Equipment	\$0	\$245	\$500	\$0	\$500
Total	\$200,030	\$201,391	\$208,496	\$3,609	\$212,105

Full Time Equivalent Positions - Budgeted

<i>Legal Services</i>	FY11	FY12	Change	FY13
Attorney	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
Clerical	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
Total	2.0	2.0	0.0	2.0

By State Category	FY11	FY12	FY12	12 - 13	FY13	FY13
<i>Legal Services</i>	Actual	Actual	Budget	Change	Budget	FTE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES						
Salaries	\$111,226	\$112,476	\$112,476	\$3,016	\$115,492	
Supplies	\$9,532	\$8,993	\$10,750	\$0	\$10,750	
Other Charges	\$5,122	\$5,525	\$9,002	(\$2,250)	\$6,752	
Equipment	\$0	\$245	\$500	\$0	\$500	
TOTAL	\$125,879	\$127,240	\$132,728	\$766	\$133,494	1.2
SPECIAL EDUCATION						
Salaries	\$74,151	\$74,151	\$75,768	\$2,843	\$78,611	
TOTAL	\$74,151	\$74,151	\$75,768	\$2,843	\$78,611	0.8
Grand Total	\$200,030	\$201,391	\$208,496	\$3,609	\$212,105	2.0

Internal Audit

Program Overview

The Internal Audit Office assists the Board and the Superintendent with managing risks, including financial, operating, and other business risks, by measuring and evaluating the effectiveness of financial and managerial controls and recommending enhancements or corrective actions as needed.

The primary focus of the Internal Audit Office is school activity funds. The development and utilization of a risk assessment tool has assisted in determining the schools that are "riskiest" and require the most attention. The risk assessment tool takes into account the following:

- Management's competence, attitude, pressure level and awareness of the activity.
- The potential exposure as determined by the average cash balance, the volume of transactions, and the quality of the audit trail.
- The integrity of the financial reports and the ability to meet reporting requirements, and
- Any changes in key personnel or a rapid growth or decline of resources.

Accomplishments – FY 2011

- Completed 17 school activity fund audits for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 as determined by risk assessment results and rotational audit scheduling.
- Completed 36 school activity fund compliance reviews for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.
- Performed 23 departmental procurement card audits for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 as determined by risk assessment results and rotational audit scheduling.

Goals – FY 2013

The goals of the Internal Audit Office are:

- Assist the Board of Education by serving as an independent appraisal function.
- Ensure adherence to all applicable laws and regulations, as well as Board Policies, Administrative Procedures, and current practices.
- Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Internal Audit Office, and
- Promote the implementation of strong internal controls.

Objectives – FY 2013

The objectives of the Internal Audit Office are:

- Perform a minimum of 5 financial audits of each individual school activity fund as determined by risk assessment results in addition to 11 activity fund audits based on the rotational audit schedule, and
- Perform a minimum of 10 departmental audits of procurement card transactions as determined by risk assessment results in addition to 24 departmental audits as determined by rotational audit scheduling.

FY 2013 Funding Adjustments

The changes for FY 2012 include:

- Net salary adjustments totaling \$4,139; and,
- Decrease in other charges, (\$750).

The net increase in expenditures over the fiscal 2012 budget for Internal Audit is \$3.389.

Internal Audit Services

By Object Code <i>Internal Audit Services</i>	FY11 Actual	FY12 Actual	FY12 Budget	12 - 13 Change	FY13 Budget
Salaries	\$127,381	\$141,268	\$141,317	\$4,139	\$145,456
Contracted Services	\$10,217	\$10,912	\$11,000	\$0	\$11,000
Supplies	\$1,340	\$947	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
Other Charges	\$1,329	\$1,522	\$2,000	(\$750)	\$1,250
Equipment	\$67	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$140,333	\$154,649	\$155,817	\$3,389	\$159,206

Full Time Equivalent Positions - Budgeted				
<i>Internal Audit Services</i>	FY11	FY12	Change	FY13
Clerical	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
Internal Auditor	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
Total	2.0	2.0	0.0	2.0

By State Category <i>Internal Audit Services</i>	FY11 Actual	FY12 Actual	FY12 Budget	12 - 13 Change	FY13 Budget	FY13 FTE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES						
Salaries	\$127,381	\$141,268	\$141,317	\$4,139	\$145,456	
Contracted Services	\$10,217	\$10,912	\$11,000	\$0	\$11,000	
Supplies	\$1,340	\$947	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	
Other Charges	\$1,329	\$1,522	\$2,000	(\$750)	\$1,250	
Equipment	\$67	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL	\$140,333	\$154,649	\$155,817	\$3,389	\$159,206	2.0
Grand Total	\$140,333	\$154,649	\$155,817	\$3,389	\$159,206	2.0