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Grace Callwood, Edgewood High School student in the IB Program, was honored live on YouTube by Hormel Foods as part of their inaugural 10 under 20 Food Heroes! Hormel Foods invested in one of the programs Grace created to help two Title I HCPS elementary schools meet some food needs for their students and their families over the summer. Her prize came with a $2,000 check for her nonprofit, WeCancerve. Hormel Foods is also still hoping to host a trip for Grace to Harvard next Spring!

Team No Hungry Kid MD commended the work of HCPS Food and Nutrition staff (FNS), under the direction of Gary Childress. Because of the work of this dedicated staff, more than 870,000 meals were served to kids in Harford County since COVID-19 closures began. In addition, the FNS team jumped to action with continuing summer meals in September 2020.

Fallston High School student, Mia Seergae, won the National Security Language Initiative for Youth scholarship from the National Security Administration! Mia studied Arabic in the fall of 2020 through the U.S. Department of State’s virtual program. She was inspired to take language by Jennifer Brown at Fallston Middle School, and intends to pair Arabic with biochemistry in college.

Lynne Thomas, graduate of North Harford High School and member of the North Harford High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter, was awarded the American FFA Degree at the 93rd National FFA Convention in October 2020. Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The American FFA Degree is bestowed upon a select group of students in recognition of their years of academic and professional excellence. This year 4,136 American Degrees were awarded.

Harford County’s Future Business Leaders of America chapters of Aberdeen, Bel Air, Edgewood, and North Harford high schools competed in the first-ever virtual Regional Competition on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Students could compete individually or in small teams against other schools and their own peers in over 50 business-related events for the chance to advance to state competition.

Edgewood High School Academy of Finance achieved “Distinguished Academy” status in 2020 through the National Academy Foundation.

Andrew Renzulli, Supervisor of Science, named a Leader in Northeastern Maryland Technology Council (NMTC) Visionary Awards.

Mr. Grant at Fallston High School received a $24,000 James Madison Fellowship. He is Maryland’s state winner this year and will be able to use the money for work on a Master’s degree through Georgetown University. He is only the second HCPS Social Studies teacher to receive this honor.

Dr. Peter Carpenter was nominated and selected as an awardee of the Outstanding Educator in Gifted and Talented Education as a local school or school system program coordinator as part of the MSDE Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education, EGate, or Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education awards.

The Harford County Branch of the American Association of University Women announced that Dr. Paula Stanton, Supervisor of Equity and Cultural Proficiency for HCPS, was named as their Woman of the Year.

The Bel Air Middle School ecology club, Panthers for the Planet, won first place in the Caring For Our Watersheds competition for the Chesapeake Bay region, which spanned across four states and involved high school and middle school proposals from hundreds of teams. Mia Castellano, Ahrean Chung, Olivia Forties, and Emma Ingram, presented in the final round to a panel of judges on April 22, 2021. The team, led by Erin Baker and Kristie Smith, won $1,000 in prize money in addition to funding for the project.

Maura Logan, a senior Project Lead the Way Pre-Engineering student at C. Milton Wright High School was awarded an Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship.

Kylah C. was named the 2021 Maryland Youth of the Year winner by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford and Cecil Counties.
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Visit www.hcps.org for more information on 2021 HCPS Teacher of the Year Lauren Byrd, as well as the other four Harford County Teacher of the Year finalists.

Board of Education members, with consideration of community input, established four goals:

VISION
We will inspire and prepare each student to achieve success in college and career.

MISSION
Each student will attain academic and personal success in a safe and caring environment that honors the diversity of our students and staff.

CORE VALUES
• We empower each student to achieve academic excellence.
• We create reciprocal relationships with families and members of the community.
• We attract and retain highly skilled personnel.
• We assure an efficient and effective organization.
• We provide a safe and secure environment.

LONG TERM GOALS
GOAL 1
Prepare every student for success in postsecondary education and career.

GOAL 2
Engage families and the community to be partners in the education of our students.

GOAL 3
Hire and support highly effective staff who are committed to building their own professional capacity in order to increase student achievement.

GOAL 4
Provide safe, secure, and healthy learning environments that are conducive to effective teaching and learning, creativity and innovation.

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The operating budget for Harford County Public Schools is a constant, ever-changing process. Many members of the Harford County community take part in shaping the budget before it is finalized in June.

The Harford County Executive typically holds public hearings, and engages in dialogue with the community before sending the budget to the Harford County Council.

In April, when the Harford County Council members receive the budget, they continue to hold public hearings and engage with the community before finalizing the budget on or before June 15.

Submit your thoughts on the proposed operating budget by emailing: budget@hcps.org.

Sources: Unrestricted Operating Budget: Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (NON-GAAP BASIS) and Actual - General Fund for the year ended June 30, 2021, June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2019. These statements are published in the annual Harford County Public Schools Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Per Pupil Funding: Data may be found in the MD School Report Card, Demographics, Per Pupil Funding FY2020.
HCPS parents are students’ first and best teachers.
ADMINISTRATION SUMMARY

37,333 students are currently enrolled in Harford County Public Schools. The school system has the eighth largest student enrollment of the 24 public school systems in Maryland. 5,366 people are employed by the school system to provide the necessary educational programs and supporting services for the students. Currently, in the Harford County public school system, there are 33 elementary schools, nine middle schools, nine comprehensive high schools, the John Archer School (a separate public day school for students with disabilities), Harford Technical High School and Swan Creek School - a total of 54 schools.

Our Staff: Total number of teachers hired between October 16, 2020 and October 15, 2021. Total Enrollment is as of 9/30/2020. Graduation Rate is for the class of 2020. Official data lags one school year.

Student Facts: Many students are enrolled in multiple AP courses. This information can be found on www.mdreportcard.org. Facilities: Total buildings figure includes portables. Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) includes breakfasts and lunches.

Our Students: 3% of elementary students are eligible to receive free/reduced meals. 94.9% of students attend school regularly. 7089 total enrollment in AP courses. 51.7% AP student test-taker pass rate. Graduation Rate: 90.2%.

Enrollment Data: American Indian or Alaska Native 97, African American 7,537, Asian 1,259, Hispanic 3,002, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 69, White 22,681, Two or more races 2,688, Male 19,029, Female 18,304.

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A carefully planned and appropriately sequenced curriculum extends learning from elementary, middle and high school grades toward graduation. Special programs and services are provided to accommodate the unique needs of each student, including those who possess exceptional abilities, talents and/or disabilities.

Based upon firm beliefs in the value of youth and the obligations of public education to educate each of them effectively, the Harford County public school system provides comprehensive instructional programs and related student activities for the youth who are currently enrolled. Half-day prekindergarten classes are available for four-year-olds at 11 of the Harford County public elementary schools. Full-day prekindergarten classes are available for four-year-olds at eight of the Harford County public elementary schools. A systemwide kindergarten program begins public education for five-year-olds with all 33 elementary schools offering full-day kindergarten.

SAT Scores: These results are the average of all SAT scores for the class of 2020.

Safety and Security: 2,175 surveillance cameras in 64 school system buildings. All schools have remote door access. 10 schools with vestibules directing all visitors to main office. 442 buses with surveillance cameras. 449 hand-held radios distributed to schools during the 2020-2021 school year. All schools have a computer visitor management system. 54 Critical Incident Plans specifically designed for each individual school. Each plan is reviewed and revised annually.

Transportation: 500 number of buses. 156,848.91* number of hours driven. 3,296,415* number of miles traveled. 31,382 number of students transported. $34,565,107* total transportation costs. *Impacted by COVID-19.

Facilities: 190 total buildings. 2,142 total classrooms. 1881.43 acres of property. 309 total custodians. $1,359,441,720 total property value.

Food Service: 1,092,025 breakfasts served. 1,469,786 lunches served. $19,700.69 a la carte sales. $34,565,107 total transportation costs.

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Capital Improvements

Havre de Grace Middle/High School

Havre de Grace Middle/High School opened in the fall of 2020. The old middle school and old high school have been demolished. Currently work continues to set up stormwater measures, then the removal of old concrete slabs and footings will begin, followed by site restoration which includes parking areas, sidewalks, playfields, and a bus loop.

MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On Wednesday, February 10, 2021 Magnolia Elementary School accepted a donation of $1,000 with the help of the general manager Kyle Nemec, through the Home Depot Parkville store. In addition, Home Depot has donated two new refrigerators, two microwaves, a dryer and lots of other materials to improve the Magnolia Elementary School building.

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Substitute Teaching 410-809-6541

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Website/Emergency Notifications www.hcps.org

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Local Number 410-838-7300
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