

HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUDGET

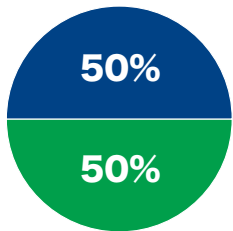
JUST THE FACTS

Where does the money come from?

Local taxpayers' property & income taxes

As the county's revenue has risen, has HCPS received an equivalent share?

Yes, HCPS has received more than an equivalent share since FY2009.



General Fund Revenue

Where does the money go?

➔ Harford County Public Schools

➔ Everything else including **public safety, libraries**, fighting the **opioid** epidemic, **parks & recreation**, services for **seniors**, the **homeless** and citizens with **disabilities**

Doesn't Harford County have a fund balance?

Yes, the county has a fund balance of \$136 million; however, only \$20 million is unassigned and that can only be used for one-time expenses. The rest is committed to future obligations such as federal stormwater management requirements, required landfill closing costs, and state mandates expected from the Kirwan Commission's plan to dramatically increase education funding. If all of the current fund balance were spent next year for ongoing expenses, the county would start the next year, and every year after with a deficit. **The county cannot legally operate at a deficit.**

Student enrollment has declined since 2011 and recently rebounded. What about county funding?

County funding has increased each year since 2011. This year, **HCPS has \$42 million more than it had a decade ago to educate roughly the same number of students.**

Have teachers been getting raises?

Yes, teachers received an average 5% increase this year, and **teachers, central office administrators, and all school staff received raises in each of the five years of the Glassman administration.** This year, all teachers will also be caught up on step increases missed during the Great Recession and **starting teacher salaries plus benefits in Harford County are among the highest in the state.**

Who determines class size?

HCPS determines class size and makes decisions on staffing, new facilities, and attendance boundaries to balance enrollment.

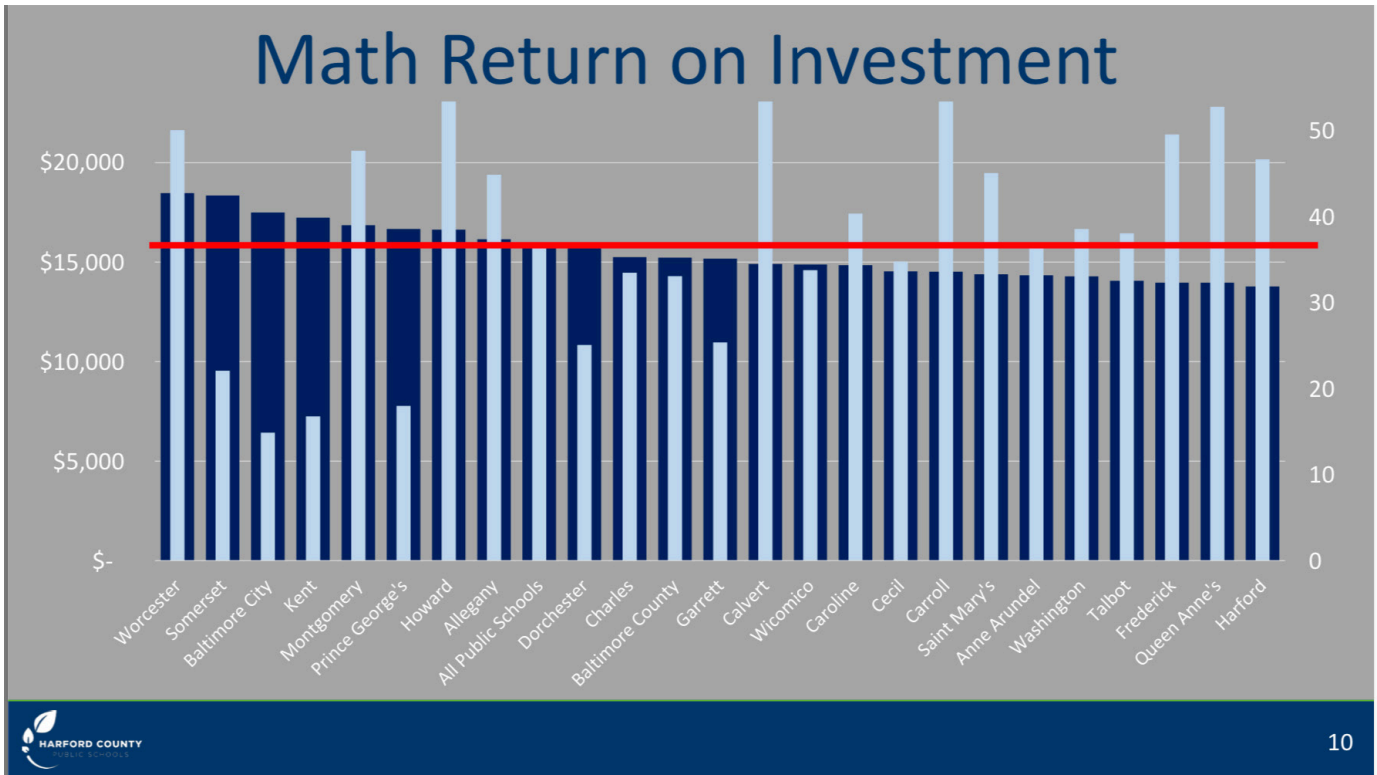
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Myths vs. Facts
AND THE COUNTY BUDGET

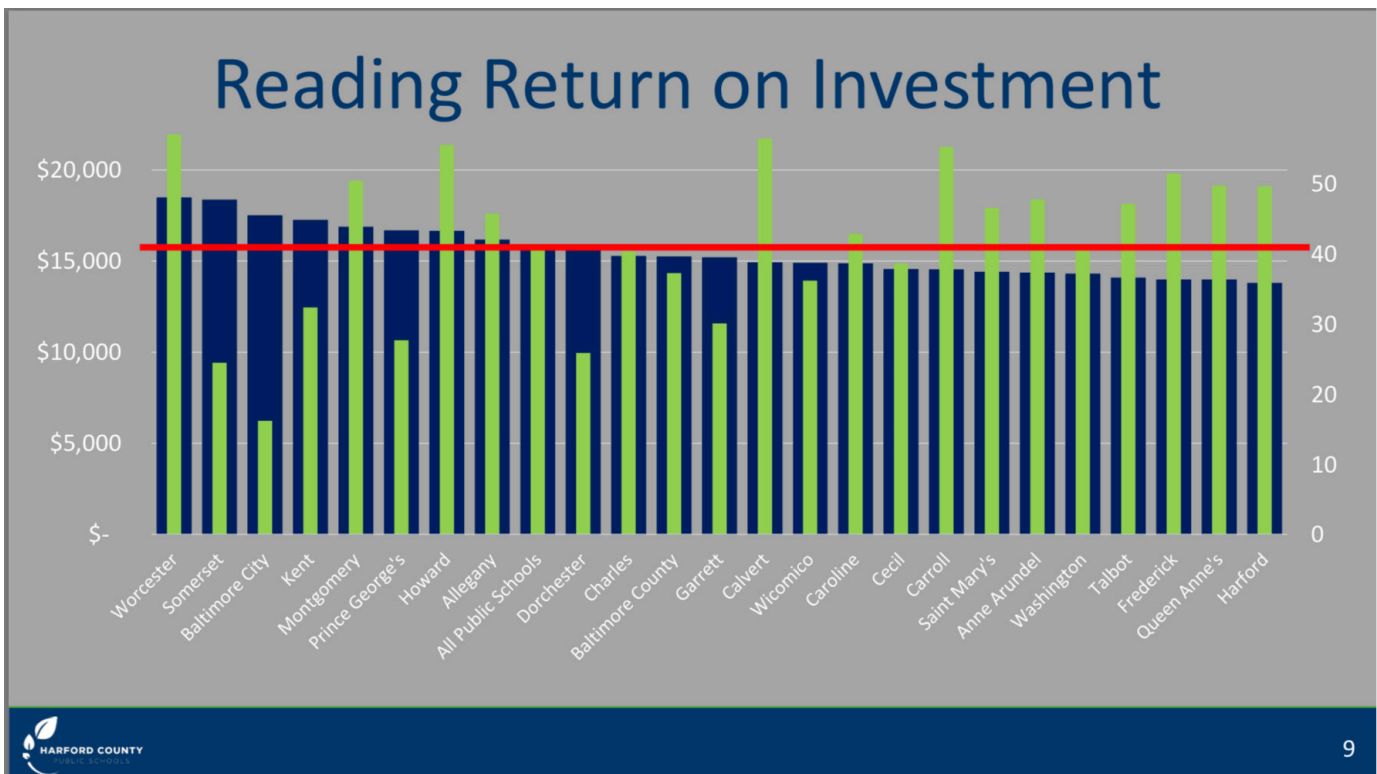
www.harfordcountymd.gov/1531/Budget-Efficiency

Do the state rankings for per pupil funding correspond to student achievement?

No. The HCPS charts below show no correlation between funding rank and student achievement. Harford students continue to outperform their peers.



■ 5TH GRADE MATH % Proficient
 ■ PER PUPIL FUNDING
 ■ STATE AVERAGE



■ 3RD GRADE READING % Proficient
 ■ PER PUPIL FUNDING
 ■ STATE AVERAGE