

What is the Maryland Blueprint Funding Plan?

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Blueprint Funding Impact

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Resource Allocation

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Intentional Underfunding

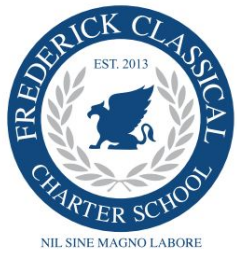
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Public Charter Schools Cannot Survive This

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Possibility of Closing

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future changes the funding formulas for all public schools.



- ❖ Charter schools will be harmed by proposed formula, which only gives schools 75% of the Per Pupil Allocation (PPA) for operations.

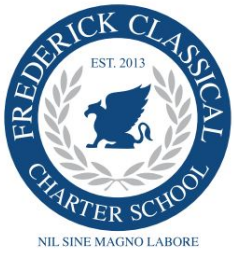
- ❖ What does this mean?
 - Decrease of approx. \$500,000 starting SY24-25 (June 30, 2024-July 1, 2025); reduction will have devastating impact on FCCS' budget.

- ❖ Why does that matter?
 - FCCS uses the PPA to employ teachers, purchase educational materials, pay for building operations, and support scholars.



Without a change in funding formula, FCCS is projected to close its doors within the next 5 years. We cannot sustain our operating costs with a funding reduction.

ACTION IS NEEDED NOW



- ❖ **What can I do? Email Board of Education members.**
 - **BoardPublicComment@fcps.org (Must submit statement as an attached PDF or Word Doc)**

- ❖ **Tell your story! These are not just numbers. These dollars represent our scholars' education, our staff's livelihoods, and the safe and nurturing environment that is FCCS!**

- ❖ **Attend the May 1 BOE Meeting; sign up to give public comment. Your scholars can also give public comments.**
 - **Ask that the BOE/FCPS re-consider funding formula by either adjusting the 75% allocation or pausing implementation until further consideration is given to public charter schools.**

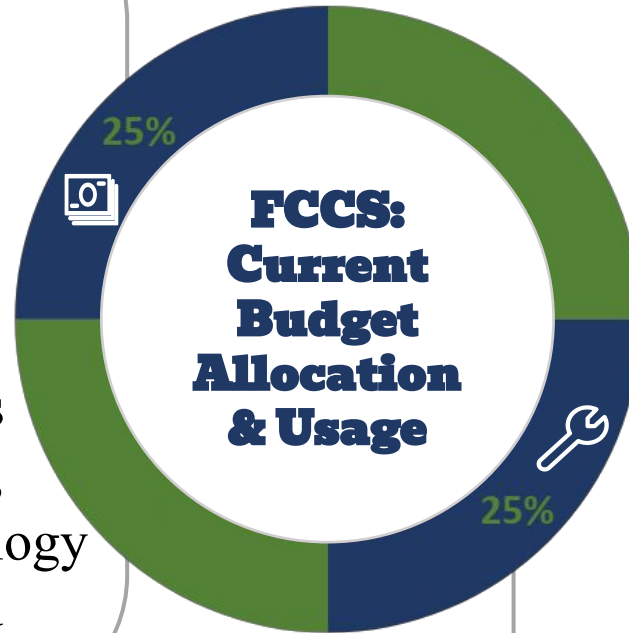
- ❖ **Personally invite BOE Members to visit FCCS, so they can experience the joy of our school firsthand.**



Operations

SY 2023 Actuals	SY 2024 Budget
\$808,852	\$848,834

FCCS operations budget includes allocations for custodial services including custodial supplies, facilities rent, electricity, natural gas / propane, telecommunications, security, technology services and all other costs associated with maintaining operations.

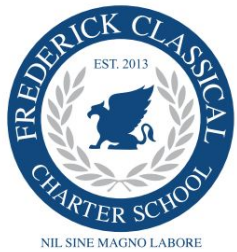


Maintenance

SY 2023 Actuals	SY 2024 Budget
\$115,654	\$112,815

FCCS maintenance budget includes allocations for the upkeep of the grounds, estimates for facilities maintenance repairs and maintenance supplies.

Financial Analysis



- The PPA is FCCS' source of funding for facilities.
- As is the case for all charter schools, costs associated with facilities' maintenance and operations are paid from funds that would otherwise go directly into the classroom.
- In the current Blueprint Funding proposal, FCPS:
 - elected to withhold the maximum allowed from schools of 25%.
 - disregarded the transportation funding ruling from MD's highest court.
 - has not provided a clear breakdown of the line items to which the 25% withholding would be allocated.
- 25% withholding may contain:
 - admin costs exceeding the 2% cap; excess should be added back to the funding calculation under the charter funding law.
 - contains maintenance and potentially other service costs on behalf of schools that need to be added back to the funding calculation per the charter law.
- Based on what we know so far, the scope of the cut is approximately the cost of FCCS's facility rent.

We Need YOU

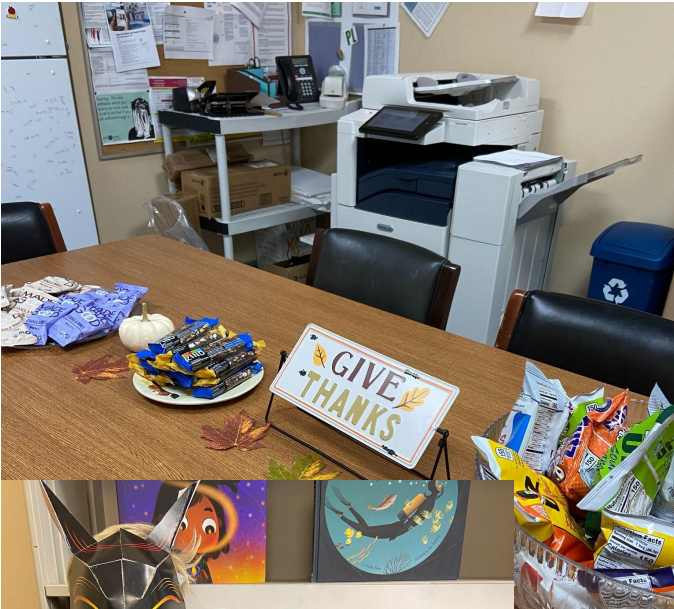
Frederick Classical Charter School is built on the Griffin Triangle, recognizing the strength of our community when our scholars, teachers and parents dedicate themselves to the mission and vision of FCCS.





We are wholistically developing enthusiastic and virtuous scholars with a love for learning.

FCCS Traditions Build a Culture of Pride and Excellence, Year after Year.



I will learn the *True*, I will do the *Good*,
I will see the *Beautiful*



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