PUBLIC SESSION

Budget Work Session

FY2021 Revenue Projections and Budget Priorities

- Ms. Barbara Baker, Superintendent of Schools, and Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented this informational item.
- Ms. Baker presented to the Board the budget development process and her priorities for the FY2021 budget.
- Ms. Baker indicated that there is a focus on behavior needs of all students for FY2021. Below is a sample of proposed FY2021 Budget Initiatives:
  - Continue to support all FY2020 behavior initiatives.
  - Recommend additional staffing and programs to ensure behavior needs of students are met and teachers are supported:
    - Supervisor of Behavior Support Services
    - Additional Behavior Coach
    - Additional School Psychologist
    - Explore the Strategic Facilities Committee’s (SFC) recommendation of “Calm Down Rooms” for each school
    - Build a STARS program at both Middle Schools
    - Hire or train current Instructional Assistants as RBTs (Registered Behavior Technicians).
- Ms. Baker indicated other areas of need that will be addressed in upcoming budget sessions.

FY2021 Estimated Revenue Projections

- Mrs. Alison Sweitzer, Director of Finance, presented this informational item.
- Mrs. Sweitzer presented preliminary revenue estimates (major state aid and Blueprint for Maryland’s Future programs) and draft operating budget calculations (Maintenance of Effort) for FY2021.

Board Identification of Priorities for FY2020-21

- The Board shared its budget priorities for the 2020-21 school year.
- The Board requested feedback and data from the current initiatives to evaluate the budget needs for FY2021.

Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Details will be announced prior to the meeting.