

SCHOOL OPENING REPORT

Executive Summary 2006-2007

The opening of schools in Baltimore County on August 28, 2006 was highly successful. Staff in the offices of the Area Assistant Superintendents, the Division of Curriculum and Instruction, and the Division of Business Services universally recorded smooth operations, equipment and materials in place, clean buildings and grounds, faculty and staff ready, and enthusiastic about the new school year.

Enrollment

Overall, enrollment on opening day was 103,277 students, or 96.5% of our projected enrollment of 107,063; a difference of 3786 students. On any area-by-area basis, actual enrollment on opening day varied from 94.2% of projection to 98.4% of projection.

Staffing

During the summer months, the Department of Human Resources hired over 900 teachers and on opening day had filled all but 6.7 teaching positions. The remaining vacancies are in special education (2.0), world languages (1.2), vocational education (2.0), physical education (0.5), auxiliary services (1.0). Vacancies in support service positions, including bus drivers, food service workers, paraeducators, maintenance and operations staff, clerical staff, and supervisory and technical positions, totaled 194. Despite these vacancies, on opening day, all 814 bus routes were operated as planned, and approximately 44,000 meals were prepared and served as expected.

Instructional Readiness

In conjunction with staffing and hiring efforts, instructional readiness was realized through a variety of initiatives and activities.

- Title I services are in place in 2 additional elementary schools, bringing the total number of Title I schools to 52. 183 eligible students applied for and accepted transfers for the 2006-2007 school year. 130 students whose transfer options were approved in past years are expected to attend their same schools in 2006-2007.
- Instructional materials to support the implementation of the new *Language!* program are in place as are material and textbooks for the new K-5 math program and the *Algebraic Thinking* program for middle school students.
- Chesapeake High School is ready for the implementation of the new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Academy and Grade 9 STEM courses are being offered at 24 sites.
- AVID is in place in five additional high schools, bringing the total number of participating schools to 20.
- Full-day kindergarten has been expanded to 10 more schools.

Over the summer months, professional development workshops were provided for both new teachers and veteran staff. Nearly 400 new computers were delivered to Career and Technology labs at 10 schools and installed by opening day. The Department of Student Support Services has processed 1,355 non-resident applications, 2,264 new Shared Domicile Applications, and 33 Special Transfer requests. A total of 2,327 of those applications have been approved, 310 have been denied, and 116 applications are pending.

Facilities

Building readiness in each area also supported and enhanced instructional readiness. During the summer months, staff in the Department of Physical Facilities completed nearly 1500 building and grounds work orders. As a result, all schools and centers opened on time, clean, and ready to receive teachers and students.

In addition to managing 77 capital construction projects in progress throughout the county, the Department of Physical Facilities completed construction of Windsor Mill Middle School and the new building opened on schedule and on budget. Enrollment at the new school is well within the state-rated capacity of 720.

Providing students with the opportunity to receive a quality education is a joint and collaborative effort. The smooth start to the 2006-2007 school year may be attributed to the enthusiasm and energy evident among students and staff and the continuing support of our parents and stakeholders.



SCHOOL OPENING REPORT AND HIGHLIGHTS

2006 – 2007

BCPS SYSTEM



SYSTEM ENROLLMENT AS OF AUGUST 28, 2006

Elementary	47,928	45,972	-1,956	95.9%
Middle	24,115	23,473	-642	97.3%
High	33,937	33,020	-917	97.3%
Special	456	392	-64	86.0%
Alt	627	420	-207	67.0%
TOTAL	107,063	103,277	-3,786.00	96.5%



AREA ENROLLMENT AS OF AUGUST 28, 2006

Description	Projected	Actual	Difference	Percent
Southwest	20,559	19,362	-1,197	94.2%
Northwest	23,223	22,292	-931	96.0%
Central	21,451	20,899	-552	97.4%
Northeast	24,104	23,710	-394	98.4%
Southeast	17,492	16,666	-826	95.3%
TOTAL	106,829	102,929	-3,900.00	96.3%



PERSONNEL

Hired as of August 28, 2006:

- 939 teachers to fill 890.68 FTE teaching positions.
- 368 support services positions that include Supervisory and Technical positions, Instructional Assistants, Clerical, Bus Drivers, Food and Nutrition, Facilities Services, and Trade positions.



PERSONNEL VACANCIES

As of August 28, 2006:

- 6.7 Teaching positions were vacant:
 - Current vacancies exist in the areas of auxiliary services (1.0), physical education (0.5) special education (2.0), vocational education (2.0), and world languages (1.2).
- 194 Support Services positions were vacant: Paraeducators, Clerical, Bus Drivers, Food and Nutrition, Facilities Services, Trade, and Supervisory and Technical positions.



TITLE I

As of August 28, 2006:

- 257 teachers were hired in Title I schools.
- Only two (2) newly hired teachers in core subject and special education areas are presently conditional.
- Both are projected to be “highly qualified” when out-of-state teaching certificates or Praxis scores are received.

This number represents an improvement over last year when 5 conditional teachers were hired in Title I schools as reported in the September 6, 2005 Opening School Report.



TITLE I

- As of August 28, 2006, of the 33 paraeducators newly hired for Title I schools, 100% are “highly qualified” as defined by NCLB. Existing paraeducators who have been working in Title I schools will attain their “highly qualified” status by June 30, 2007.
- Twenty FTE resource teachers support enhanced implementation of the Catalyst Gifted and Talented Program in all Title I elementary schools.
- Ten FTE reading teachers support enhanced implementation of the *Language!* program in all Title I middle schools.



TITLE I

- 52 schools are receiving Title I services:
 - 40 elementary, 9 middle, and 3 special schools.
(One additional middle and one additional elementary school were added this year)
- 183 eligible students applied for and accepted transfers for the 2006 – 2007 school year.
- 130 students whose transfer options were approved in past years are expected to attend their same schools in 2006-2007.



INSTRUCTIONAL READINESS

Materials

New Instructional Materials: *Language!*

- Designed to accelerate the achievement of students in grades 6-10.
- Approximately 600 administrators, general and special educators, ELL teachers, reading specialists, mentors, and language arts/ English department chairs have attended a five-day training.
- Teacher and student materials have arrived in schools.



INSTRUCTIONAL READINESS

New Instructional Materials: Mathematics

- Elementary Mathematics Textbook Materials for K-5.
- Middle School *Algebraic Thinking* Program for Grades 6-7.
 - Materials are in schools. Additional materials for increased enrollment have been ordered and are arriving in schools.
 - Professional development has been provided for all teachers on both new mathematics programs.



SCIENCE

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

- Chesapeake High STEM Program underway.
- Grade 9 STEM Courses—Concepts of Physical Science as Applied to Biology, Algebra I, and Introduction to Engineering and Technology Concepts—are being offered at 24 sites.
- First BCPS countywide secondary STEM fair is being planned with Morgan State University and Towson State University for implementation this school year.



AVID

- Twenty high schools are participating in the AVID program for the 2006-07 school year.
- High schools new for this year include:

Franklin HS

Patapsco HS

Hereford HS

Sparrows Point HS

Loch Raven HS



FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

- Full-day kindergarten sessions were added to:
 - Chapel Hill
 - Franklin
 - Kingsville
 - Lutherville
 - Pinewood
 - Seven Oaks
 - Seventh District
 - Stoneleigh
 - Summit Park
 - Westchester
- Early Childhood Inclusion support was added in 14 schools with full-day kindergarten programs.



INSTRUCTIONAL READINESS

- A three-day New Teacher Induction Program was held for 824 teachers new to the system.
- Orientation workshops included curriculum, instruction, assessment, Education That is Multicultural, classroom management, parent/teacher/student conferences, English Language Learners, and safe schools.



INSTRUCTIONAL READINESS

- All teachers and Student Support Services personnel participated countywide Professional Development Day activities focused on best practices. (August 23, 2006).



INSTRUCTIONAL READINESS

Technology

- Over 400 new computers installed in 11 Career and Technology labs at 10 schools.
- Current student-to-computer ratio is 3.5 to 1 - well below the system's goal of 5 to 1 established in the *Blueprint for Progress*.
- All teachers have access to computer technology in their schools.



RESIDENCY REPORT

as of August 28, 2006

	APPLICATIONS	APPROVED	DENIED	PENDING	OTHER
Hardship	85	62	16	7	
Kinship	189	177	1	11	
Agency Placed	743	730	1	12	
Other	338	329	5	4	
Total	1,355	1,298	23	34	
New Shared Domicile Applications					
Total	2,264	979	46	47	1192
Special Transfer Appeals					
Total	333	50	241	35	7
Grand Total	3,952	2,327	310	116	1199



NEW LEADERSHIP – SW

- Dogwood Elementary
- Edmondson Heights Elementary
- Featherbed Lane Elementary
- Riverview Elementary
- Westowne Elementary
- Arbutus Middle
- Lansdowne Middle
- Southwest Academy
- Lansdowne High
- Western School of Technology and Environmental Science
- Woodlawn High
- Bridge Center



NEW LEADERSHIP – NW

- Milbrook Elementary
- New Town High
- Pikesville High
- Pikesville Middle



NEW LEADERSHIP – CN

- Timonium Elementary
- Carver Center for Arts and Technology



NEW LEADERSHIP – NE

- Orem's Elementary
- Glenmar Elementary Schools
- Overlea High School



NEW LEADERSHIP – SE

- Deep Creek Elementary
- Seneca Elementary
- Deep Creek Middle
- Chesapeake High Schools



LEADERSHIP

- All principals, new and veteran, are focused on improving student achievement for all students and promoting a climate that is inviting and welcoming to students, teachers, parents, and community.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHTS

- Back-To-School Nights have been scheduled at all schools and dates for these events are posted on the system's website.
- Student expectations for learning have been provided to the schools for distribution to parents/guardians.



FACILITIES

- 167 schools, and centers, were clean, ready to receive teachers and students, and opened on time.
- Construction was completed on Windsor Mill Middle School . The school opened as scheduled, on time and on budget.
- 27 existing relocatable units, for a total of 40 classrooms, were moved and installed.
- 77 capital construction projects are in progress.



FACILITIES

Office of Maintenance

- 900 work orders completed during the summer.
- 255 maintenance upgrade items were addressed including electrical repairs, fire alarm testing, stage refinishing, gym line painting, boiler repairs, interior and exterior door replacement, storm drain repairs, lavatory stall replacements, carpet and floor tile replacement, plumbing repairs, abatement projects, stage curtain replacements, and assisting other departments in office moves.



FACILITIES

Office of Grounds

- 571 work orders completed including mowing, signage, line marking, graffiti removal, safety related concrete repairs, turf and fence repair, tree removal, playground equipment repairs, blacktop, equipment repairs, ball diamond and athletic field repairs, and assisting other departments in office moves.



FACILITIES

Completed

- 3 schools have received new boilers.
- 9 schools have received ADA upgrades.
- 11 schools have received major kitchen upgrades including freezers, sinks, etc.



FACILITIES

Ongoing

- 140 schools are receiving major security upgrades, including cameras, alarms, and access systems.
- 6 schools are receiving new roofs.
- 6 schools are receiving new windows and blinds.
- 3 schools are receiving new parking lot upgrades.



FACILITIES

- 83 emergencies occurred during normal working hours that required action/response.
- 15 after-hours emergencies occurred that required action/response.



FACILITIES – SW

- Major ADA upgrades were completed at Maiden Choice School, Arbutus Elementary, Edmondson Heights Elementary, Johnnycake Elementary, and Powhatan Elementary Schools.
- A parking lot expansion was completed at Lansdowne Elementary School.
- Windsor Mill Middle School is completed and open for students for the 2006-07 school year.
- New roofs are being installed at Baltimore Highlands and Hebbville Elementary Schools.



FACILITIES – SW

- Kitchen upgrades were completed at Catonsville Middle School and Western School of Technology.
- Major renovation projects are underway at Arbutus Middle School and Southwest Academy.
- Renovations are due to begin at Catonsville and Woodlawn Middle Schools.



FACILITIES –NW

- Tennis courts were resurfaced at Franklin High School.
- A new chiller was installed at Milbrook Elementary School.
- The multi-use court at Randallstown Elementary School was rebuilt.
- A cafeteria addition is underway at Milford Mill Academy.



FACILITIES –NW

- Windows are being replaced at Campfield Early Childhood Center.
- Kitchen upgrades were completed at Owings Mills Elementary School.
- The roof at Bedford Elementary School was replaced.
- Parking was expanded at Cedarmere Elementary and Fort Garrison Elementary Schools.



FACILITIES - CN

- New boilers were installed at Loch Raven Academy and Hereford Middle School.
- Kitchen upgrades were completed at Loch Raven High and Warren Elementary Schools.
- The roof at Carroll Manor Elementary School was replaced.
- Major renovations are underway at Ridgely Middle School.



FACILITIES - CN

- Renovations are due to begin at Cockeysville Middle and Hereford Middle Schools.
- A new elevator was installed in the Greenwood Administration building.
- Relocatable classrooms are scheduled to be installed at Loch Raven Academy.
- The multi-use court at Hampton Elementary School was resurfaced.



FACILITIES – NE

- ADA restroom upgrades were completed at Red House Run Elementary School.
- The roofs at Perry Hall Elementary and Pine Grove Middle Schools are being replaced.
- Windows are being replaced at Glenmar Elementary, Victory Villa Elementary, and Stemmers Run Middle Schools.
- Kitchen upgrades were completed at Fullerton Elementary, Golden Ring Middle, Middle River Middle, and Stemmers Run Middle Schools.



FACILITIES – NE

- A new elementary school is under design at the Vincent Farms school site.
- An addition is under construction at Kenwood High School.
- The track at Overlea High School was reconstructed.



FACILITIES – SE

- Major ADA upgrades were completed at Oliver Beach Elementary School.
- A new roof is being installed at Dundalk Elementary School.
- Windows were installed at Deep Creek Elementary and Mars Estates Elementary Schools.
- Kitchen upgrades were completed at Dundalk Middle and Patapsco High Schools.
- Major renovations are underway at Holabird Middle and Sparrows Point Middle/High Schools.



FACILITIES – SE

- The multi-use and tennis court at Deep Creek Middle School is being resurfaced.
- A relocatable classroom was installed at Holabird Middle School.
- The multi-use court at Middleborough Elementary School was resurfaced.
- The track at Patapsco High School is being reconstructed.



TRANSPORTATION AND FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

- There are 814 bus routes with a projected ridership of 70,000 students.
- On opening day there were 35 vacancies; however, all routes operated as planned.
- There were no unusual problems or unforeseen disruptions.
- Approximately 44,000 meals were prepared and served at all schools as expected.



SCHOOL VISITS

Curriculum and Instruction Personnel visited schools the first week of school and reported that teachers were ready for their students.



THANK YOU

- To all employees in the schools and central offices,
- To all the parents and students, and
- To everyone involved in providing the best opportunity for our students to receive a quality education.