Board of Education Meeting



Gaston County Schools County Budget Request

FY 2023-2024

April 17, 2023



County Budget Request

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- 4. Discussion



Budget Calendar.



Budget Calendar

Jan 27 Board of Education (BOE) Retreat

Jan/Feb Gather information from Directors

and Department Supervisors

Mar 15 Governor releases proposed budget

Mar 20 Presented Superintendent's

Budget Request to BOE

Mar 28 Joint Budget Meeting with BOE and

County Commissioners

Budget Calendar

Apr 10 House proposed their State Budget

Apr 17 Approve GCS County Budget Request

Apr 21 Deliver GCS Budget Request to County

Apr/May Gaston County approves their budget

Jun/Sep

Jun 19 BOE approves balanced interim budget

State Budget is approved and BOE approves final budget resolution

Operating Request





Budget Attributes

Our budget should support the vision, mission and priorities and goals of Gaston County Schools

- College and Career Ready
- Healthy, Safe and Responsible Schools
- Innovation
- Qualified Workforce



Operating Request

Ongoing Expenditures

Expenses related to the ongoing operations that are impacted by changes in the law, inflation, end of life for technology, etc.

New Initiatives

Expenses related to new programs, projects, initiatives, salary increases, etc. that are supportive of the GCS mission and vision or are required by law.

Operating Request

FY 2019-20 Actual		\$50,311,704
Operating budget cut	(\$500,000)	
Total Change in Funding		(\$500,000)
FY 2020-21 Actual		\$49,811,704
Teacher supplements	\$500,000	
Employer paid benefits	\$528,000	
Inflation	\$212,000	
Classified compensation increase	\$261,000	
Certified employee increase	\$189,000	
Total Change in Funding		\$1,690,000
FY 2021-22 Actual		\$51,501,704
Teacher supplements	\$500,000	
Employer paid benefits	\$500,000	
Total Change in Funding		\$1,000,000
FY 2022-23 Actual		\$52,501,704

Use of County Funds

- Salary supplements Teachers, Principals, Assistant Principals, etc.
- Instructional supplies
- Maintenance and custodial supplies
- Technology
- Utilities and insurance
- School Resource Officers
- Athletics and arts programs
- Charter school allotments



Expansion Request

Ongoing Expenditures - \$1,585,000

Ongoing Expenditures		
State Mandated Increase in Employer Paid Benefits	\$	620,000
Replace End-of-Life Mobile Devices	COVID Funds	
Inflation - Operating Expenses and Utilities		965,000
Total	\$ 1	L,585,000

Expansion Request

New Initiatives - \$1,300,000

New Initiatives		
Certified Employee Salary Supplement Adjustment	500,000	
Employee Compensation Adjustment - Classified	335,000	
Employee Compensation Adjustment - Certified	180,000	
Student Support Personnel Increase	COVID Funds	
Custodial Allotment Increase	COVID Funds	
School Grounds Maintenance	COVID Funds	
Elementary School Playground Replacements	285,000	
Total	\$1,300,000	

Operating Request Summary

County Request	2022-23	2023-24
Prior Year County Appropriation	\$51,501,704	\$52,501,704
Ongoing Expenditures	\$1,023,000	\$1,585,000
New Initiatives	\$1,672,000	\$1,300,000
Total County Request	\$54,196,704	\$55,386,704





School Bonds:

- New construction
- Classroom additions
- Capital replacements

Capital Outlay:

- Preventative maintenance
- Minor repairs
- Contracted facility services



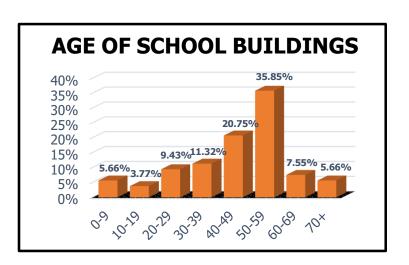
Capital Outlay is used for the following purposes:

- Roofing Repairs
- HVAC
- Vehicles
- Plumbing
- Site Improvements

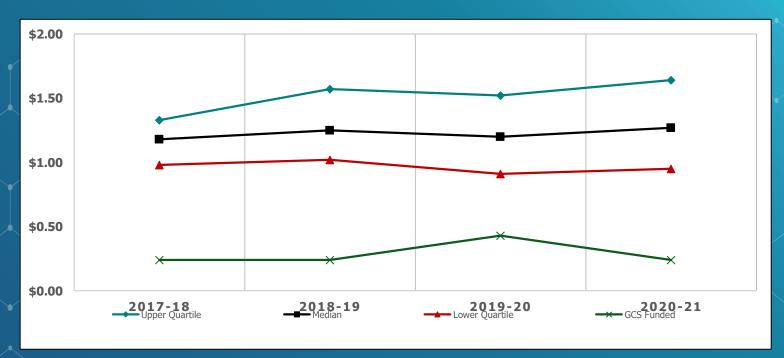
- Electrical
- Technology
- Furniture
- Life Safety
- Other Maintenance

Maintenance Costs Are Affected By:

- Age of the Buildings
- Quality and Experience of Custodial Staff
- Training of Custodial Staff
- Deferred Maintenance Backlog



Maintenance Cost per Square Foot



	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Upper Quartile	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.57	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.64
Median	1.18	1.25	1.20	1.27
Lower Quartile	0.98	1.02	0.91	0.95
GCS Funded	0.24	0.24	0.43	0.24

Source: Managing for Results in America's Great City Schools – 2022 (results from fiscal year 2020-2021)

- All schools and administrative buildings total about 5.1 million square feet
- This year we received \$2.2 million in capital outlay, or about \$0.44 per square foot
- We are requesting \$6.5 million in capital outlay for 2023-24. This request amounts to \$1.27 per square foot

Capital Request

Expenditures						Proposed
Expondituico	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Technology	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Vehicles	150,000	150,000	100,000	100,000	225,000	100,000
General Renovations	882,000	1,882,000	1,027,000	1,027,000	2,002,000	6,150,000
Furniture	95,000	95,000	50,000	50,000	-	150,000
TOTAL COUNTY CAPITAL	\$ 1,227,000	\$ 2,227,000	\$ 1,227,000	\$ 1,227,000	\$ 2,227,000	\$ 6,500,000

Conclusion

This Budget Request supports the Gaston County Schools' Vision "to inspire success and a lifetime of learning" for all of our students.



Discussion



