

Attachment 1
Total Revenue Statement

**St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS) Budget Narrative for FY-2004
To Accompany the Master Plan**

In FY-2004 SMCPS received an additional \$6.2M (net increase – some revenue used to replace Fund Balance cited in FY-03 budget) from the State and County governments over the prior fiscal year. We then reviewed the existing budget and made a total of \$2.4M in program changes. Combining these two sources of funds we identified a total of \$8.6M for programs and initiatives to support our Master Plan. The budget reflected our three main points of emphasis for FY-04, *Teachers, Textbooks, and Technology*.

Teachers

The vast majority of this funding was used to support Goal 3 – Highly Qualified Teachers. We increased FTEs for teachers and teacher support personnel by 65 positions.

Of those 65 positions, 4 teachers and 5 paraeducators also address the Bridge to Excellence mandate for full-day kindergarten. We added a total of 7 additional full-day sessions (2 sessions were funded through grants).

\$334,000

We increased regular education teachers by 37.0 solely to address class size and scheduling issues. These FTEs were allotted as follows:

- High School 10
- Middle School 11
- Elementary School 16

\$1,859,250

In addition to the 10 FTEs cited above for high schools teachers, we also added 3 FTEs to support a BOE initiative of requiring a 4th math credit in high school. This initiative supports the master plan goal of improving math.

\$150,750

Our population of Special Education students increased in proportion to the increase in the general education population. To address this increase in enrollment, we added 6 teachers, 5 paraeducators, and 1 occupational therapist.

\$508,600

To support safe schools (Goal 4), character education, and “every child will graduate” (Goal 5), SMCPS initiated a Navy Junior Reserve Office Training Corps (NJROTC) at Great Mills High School. This program complements a very successful Air Force JROTC program at Chopticon High School. Great Hills High School is less than five minutes from the Patuxent Naval Air Station. We receive a tremendous level of support for people station on, or associated with, the base. The presence of a Navy JROTC unit at the school strengthens the partnership with the base.

\$50,000

Finally, to promote safe schools (Goal 4) and address a growing population of students who did not meet AYP (Goal 1), SMCPS hired an additional Assistance Principal for a Title I school on local alert status.

\$77,200

Textbooks

In addition to the normal annual allocation for textbooks, SMCPs programmed an additional sum to address new texts at the high school level for literature and grammar in direct support of our literacy goal. We also provided additional funding for replacement text and new courses.

\$520,000

We also increased funding for materials of instruction to support our programs and address increased enrollment.

\$75,000

Technology

SMCPs made a commitment to provide technology to support these initiatives. We did that through funding an additional FTE for a technology specialist and by increasing the funding allotted to lifecycle replacement.

\$165,000

Personnel Issues

To attract and retain highly qualified teachers (Goal 3) and competent support staff St. Mary's County must be competitive with regard to salary and benefits. We are not competitive with our two neighboring counties. This causes morale problems for the faculty and staff we have and makes it difficult to hire new teachers and staff. While we could not close the gap between our salary scale and the neighboring counties, we were able to improve salaries and benefits for FY-2004.

\$3,482,120

To further the goal of safe school (Goal 4) and increase attendance rates (Goal 5), we added 2 additional nurses for our schools. These nurses were Health Department employees under contract to us, but received no benefits. In this period of an extreme nurse shortage, we felt it would be better for us to convert these positions to full-time employees with benefits rather than lose the nurses as soon as they found employment elsewhere.

\$57,900

Major Changes

With the increase in student population of over 1,000 in two years, we had to address transportation. Over 97% of our students are transported to school due to the rural nature of this county. Often areas where because of their distance to school would not be eligible for transportation, are serviced by school buses because we do not have sidewalks. Offering transportation to these students improves the safety of our school. We also experienced a significant increase in fuel costs.

\$380,000

To support reading, balanced literacy, and leveled text initiatives (Goal 1), SMCPs increased the allotment for in-school and in-classroom libraries.

\$175,000

We have experienced a major increase in payments to non-public institutions for out-of-county placement for students with special needs or those involved in the Juvenile Justice System (Goal 4).

\$125,000

Post 9/11, all school systems have seen their insurance costs skyrocket. St. Mary's is no exception. We were forced to increase our budget line item for insurance significantly.

\$94,000

With increased square footage (renovated and expanded schools coming on line), comes additional operational costs. Along with increases in utilities, we also added to 2.2 building service workers to meet the demand.

\$175,060

Other Budget Increases

The remaining difference addressed items that were not directly associated with the goals of the master plan, but affected the daily operations of the school system. Some items included: audit and legal fees, financial specialists for the high schools (an audit finding), and administrative support.

\$390,000

**ATTACHMENT 1
TOTAL REVENUE STATEMENT
(Current Expense Fund)**

St. Mary's County Public Schools

2003 - 2004

REVENUES		Original Approved Prior Year Budget	Final Prior Year Actual Revenue	Original Approved Current Year Budget (1)
LOCAL APPROPRIATIONS	1.1.01.00	\$	\$	\$ 56,101,439.00
OTHER REVENUE*	1.1.05.00	\$	\$	\$ 785,000.00
STATE REVENUE				
Foundation	1.1.20.01			\$ 42,592,349.00
Economically Disadvantaged	1.1.20.02			\$ 4,684,448.00
Special Education	1.1.20.07			\$ 3,289,912.00
LEP	1.1.20.24			\$ 256,687.00
Transportation	1.1.20.39			\$ 4,028,399.00
Guaranteed Tax Base	1.1.20.25			\$ -
Governor's Teacher Salary Challenge	1.1.20.56			\$ -
Other (specify)***				\$ -
TOTAL STATE REVENUE		\$	\$	\$ 54,851,795.00
FEDERAL REVENUE				
Title I-A - Local System Grants				\$ 2,124,431.00
Title I-A - School Improvement				\$ 149,024.00
Title I-B1 - Reading First				\$ -
Title I-B3 - Even Start				\$ -
Title I-C - Migrant Education				\$ -
Title I-D - Neglected and Delinquent				\$ -
Title I-F - Comprehensive School Reform				\$ -
Title II-A - Teacher Quality				\$ 767,080.00
Title II-D - Education Technology				\$ 64,768.00
Title III-A - Language Acquisition				\$ 29,166.00
Title IV-A - Safe & Drug-Free Schools				\$ 91,540.00
Title IV-B - 21st Century Learning Centers				\$ 640,000.00
Title V-A - Innovative Education				\$ 70,364.00
Title VI-B2 - Rural & Low-Income Schools Prog.				\$ -
Title VIII - Impact Aid				\$ 1,500,000.00
Homeless Children and Youth				\$ 24,200.00
IDEA - Special Education				\$ 2,556,778.00
Perkins Career and Technology Education				\$ 164,871.00
Other (specify)*** Small Learning Community				\$ 162,706.00
Other (specify)*** Department of Defense				\$ 350,000.00
TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE	1.1.30.00	\$	\$	\$ 8,694,928.00
OTHER RESOURCES/TRANSFERS**	1.1.99.99	\$	\$	
TOTAL REVENUE		\$	\$	\$ 120,433,162.00
PRIOR BALANCE AVAILABLE	1.1.40.00	\$	\$	\$ 1,402,059.00
TOTAL REVENUE, TRANSFERS AND FUND BALANCE		\$	\$	\$ 121,835,221.00

* Tuition, payments and fees, earnings on investments, rentals, gifts and other non-state, non-federal revenue sources.

**Nonrevenue and transfers.

***Add lines as needed.

(1) NOTE: For Fiscal Year 2004, the first year of the Bridge to Excellence Master Plan, complete only the *Original Approved Current Year Budget* column. In future fiscal years, complete all columns.