



School Family & Community Council Meeting Notes

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

3:00 pm - Library

[HHA's Vision and Mission Statements](#)

- **Attendees:**

- See Google Forms Spreadsheets.

- **Notes:**

- Welcome, introductions, and circle question
- Community Budget Forum
 - Purpose: Review the FY26 school budget and discuss the FY27 budget's impact on school priorities.
- Background of City School's Funding
 - City school dollars come from the state of Maryland, Baltimore City, and the federal government.
 - Revenue is based primarily on the number of students enrolled and the characteristics of those students.
 - Once the district has an estimate of how much money it will receive, the dollar amount for each school is calculated (determined by enrollment).
 - The Blueprint for Maryland's Future legislative initiative has impacted the amount of funding, plus where funding is allocated.
- FY 27 Focus
 - FY27 could be challenging for City Schools due to several factors, including uncertainty about federal funding and the potential for significant enrollment shifts.
 - City Schools' focus is to sustain educational programming and staff.
 - Input from the community cited the need for more after school programs, tutoring, and athletics/sports.
- HHA Mission and Vision
 - Mission- Hampstead Hill Academy is a neighborhood public charter school that exists to educate children living in both our attendance area and throughout

Baltimore City. Our talented staff uses research-based curriculum to develop and implement rigorous lesson plans that continuously raise the academic bar for our students. Our whole school community is dedicated to working together to challenge our students to succeed in a fair, consistent, just and joyful learning environment.

- Vision- Hampstead Hill seeks to be a safe, nurturing, diverse, family-friendly neighborhood school with rigorous, effective academic programs and exciting, engaging, extracurricular activities. We believe all parents want the same thing for their children: more and better opportunities for college and career. We believe in the importance of the arts, and we want our students to be great communicators, listeners and writers. Our students will be forward thinkers, persistent, responsible, caring, dependable and healthy members of the greater community.
- HHA is in a unique position from other City Schools, in that we will have a larger budget for FY27, with \$11M allocated from the city, \$1.3M in grant money, and a higher \$3.9M in charter cashout.
- School Data and Priorities
 - No significant changes to HHA's programming, with all positions carrying over to the next school year. While the sibling policy is changing as of March 2026, enrollment remains steady.
 - A majority of the grant money HHA receives will go towards improved tech, increasing nursing supports, and CPG wraparound supports (positions & programming).
- Budget Development and Input
 - March 10: Budget Collaborative Meeting with district
 - March 18: Community Budget Review
 - Early May: Board of School Commissioners will vote on the full district budget, including HHA's submitted budget.
- Community Concerns- None at this time.
- Announcements & Committee Updates
 - DEIC- Black History Month Family Academic Night next week!
 - PTO- B3 planning is underway. If we know of any companies or individuals who would like to donate/support, please let the PTO know.

- **Next Meeting:**

- March 18th, 3:00 pm - Library