

**From:** Barry Shepherd  
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**To:** AllCcsEmployees  
**Subject:** State of the Budget

Dear CCS Family,

The Cabarrus County Board of Education voted to adopt the proposed budget for the 2014-2015 school year at its April 14<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting.

The budget proposal will be presented to Cabarrus County Commissioners in May and includes an increase of \$17,967,541 for general operating expenses (from \$48,920,175 to \$66,887,716) and a capital outlay budget request of \$120,639,514 for new construction and other capital projects.

These funding requests will be used to:

- Complete the salary study
- Increase the number of classroom teachers
- Purchase additional technology that will move the system closer to offering one device/student
- Complete major maintenance projects (i.e. roof repairs) and purchase capital needs (i.e. new schools, school buses, furniture, mechanical and mechanical & HVAC replacements)

Detailed information about the budget is posted on our district website in the Finance department's section. Select *Budget Information* from the navigation bar on the left and then select *FY 2014 / 2015*; then *FY 2014 / 2015 BOE Meeting Documents*. Look for the document dated 4.14.14.

Based on North Carolina Department of Public Instruction projections, CCS is expected to have an additional 442 students to educate next school year.

Additionally, other challenges remain for Cabarrus County and the Board of Education in meeting the educational needs of our students. The county must attempt to renovate schools, not only to keep up with 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching methods, but also to avoid obsolescence.

We certainly appreciate the support of the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners and are grateful that it recognizes the need to replace Mount Pleasant Middle School. However, the funding – \$13,500,000 for construction and \$2,000,000 for A&E – provided for that school replacement is insufficient. Based on our research, the estimated cost to build a replacement for the middle school is \$22,000,000.

In closing, I want you to know how proud I am of the great work you do each day in spite of the challenges you face. Your dedication and commitment to our students is commendable and appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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