

(j) (1) The State Board shall send the Governor an annual State public school budget including, subject to the State Constitution and existing laws, the appropriation for:

(i) The Department; AND

(ii) State aid to the counties for current expenses, FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION and for the construction of school buildings[; and

(iii) The necessary costs of transporting students to public schools, as the State Board estimates them after considering the recommendations of the State committee on the school bus formula].

(2) The budget shall be certified by the State Superintendent before it is sent to the Governor.

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(a) If a county board considers it practicable, it shall consolidate schools.

(b) [Subject to the approval of the State Superintendent, each] EACH county board shall arrange for the transportation of students to and from consolidated schools.

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(c) The State Comptroller shall charge against and, as provided in this section, pay from the General State School Fund the following annual appropriations for:

(1) The support of the department, including the expenses of the State Board and the support and expenses of the office of the State Superintendent;

(2) The Maryland Teachers' Retirement System;

(3) The education of handicapped children;

(4) Subsidized or free feeding programs;

(5) The administration and supervision of vocational education in public high and vocational schools;

(6) Physical education and recreation;

[(7) Medical examination of school bus drivers;

(8)] (7) Case and guidance service for handicapped individuals who need vocational rehabilitation;

[(9)] (8) Equivalence examinations;