

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2000 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-53-2000

Proposed by Council Member Estepp

Introduced by Council Member Estepp

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction September 26, 2000

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Notification to Neighborhoods of School Site Selections

3 For the purpose of recommending to the Board of Education that property owners and civic
4 associations in affected neighborhoods be advised of proposed school site locations, before final
5 site selections are made.

6 WHEREAS, Prince George's County will have substantial new school construction in the
7 next five- to ten-year period, to alleviate overcrowding in the County school system; and

8 WHEREAS, a significant part of the school construction process involves the selection of
9 sites for new schools; and

10 WHEREAS, new school sites will be located near the residential neighborhoods where they
11 are needed, and it is usually necessary to locate new schools in or adjacent to occupied
12 residential properties; and

13 WHEREAS, the construction of a new school within an established residential
14 neighborhood may have substantial adverse affects on the neighborhood, particularly those
15 properties adjacent to or near the new school; and

16 WHEREAS, to date, the County and the Board of Education have not made efforts to
17 involve residential neighborhoods in the school site selection process, even though such
18 involvement would improve the process and would allow residential neighborhoods to better
19 absorb the impacts of new schools; and

1 WHEREAS, the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, believes that the
2 Board of Education and County government would benefit from procedures which give notice to
3 and allow participation by neighborhood residents and civic associations, prior to the selection of
4 new school sites in residential neighborhoods.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
6 County, Maryland, that the Council recommends to the Board of Education that the following
7 procedures be followed, prior to final selection of a school site in a particular neighborhood:

8 A. When a school site or sites are to be selected, the Board of Education should determine
9 the identities of property owners and residents within 500 feet of the proposed location or
10 locations.

11 B. At least 60 days before the Board makes a final school site selection in a particular
12 neighborhood, all identified property owners and all civic associations in the neighborhood
13 should receive written notice by mail that the Board of Education may take action to select an
14 identified site for a new school.

15 C. The notice to neighborhood residents and civic associations should state the location of
16 the proposed school site and the time, date, and location of the Board hearing or other proceeding
17 when public comment on the site selection will be received.

Adopted this 17th day of October, 2000.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Dorothy F. Bailey
Chair

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council