COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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<u>CR-64-1997</u>

Council Members Bailey and Estepp

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November 25, 1997

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

The Community Park/School Initiative

For the purpose of endorsing the Community Park/School Initiative and expressing support of the efforts of the Working Group reviewing the feasibility of the Initiative.

WHEREAS, Chapter 264 of the 1997 Laws of Maryland was enacted by the General Assembly, thereby indicating the State's endorsement of the joint use of the Prince George's County Board of Education's school facilities and property of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Prince George's County Library System, Health Department, Police Department, Department of Social Services and Department of Family Services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, Planning Board, County Executive and County Council endorse the Community Park-School Center concept as a way to combine school facilities with facilities for recreation, social services, and other public services, in order to achieve greater efficiency in the use of public monies, and to enhance the availability of public services in the communities in which they are needed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, Planning Board, County Executive and County Council assigned various representatives to a Working Group whose purpose is to review and evaluate the feasibility of establishing a Community Park/School program which maximizes the use of public school facilities by providing larger, more comprehensive facilities than possible in a "stand-alone" school; and

WHEREAS, the Working Group has issued a preliminary report and recommendations

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to the County Executive, the County Council, Board of Education and Chairman of the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Working Group to continue its review of issues relating to identified Community Park/School sites, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, design, development, financing and joint-use thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland that the Working Group is commended for the efforts it has taken thus far to review the issues concerning the Community Park/School Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group is requested to continue its review of possible Community Park/School sites and the various issues related thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group shall prepare an interim report of its findings and make recommendations to the County Executive, County Council, Board of Education and Planning Board at a public meeting no later than June 30, 1998.

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Adopted this 25th day of November, 1997.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE

GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: Dorothy F. Bailey Chair

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney Clerk of the Council