

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

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**Date:** November 4, 2021

**Action:** FAV

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### **REPORT:**

Committee Vote: Favorable 10-0 (In favor: Council Members Hawkins, Taveras, Turner, Franklin, Davis, Glaros, Anderson-Walker, Ivey, Dernoga, Harrison. Absent: Streeter. Opposed: NONE.)

The Legislative Officer summarized the purpose of the joint signature letter between the County Executive and County Council which is a funding request to the Maryland Interagency Commission on School Construction endorsing the Prince George's County Board of Education's Proposed FY 2023 Capital Budget. The Legislative Officer also noted that William Schmidt Outdoor Educational Center is a local funding priority in FY 2023 and there no further IAC funding available.

The funding request includes the County's priorities such as:

- 1) Projects receiving State planning approval
- 2) Project approaching permitting and in need of State construction funding
- 3) Projects requiring State planning approval
- 4) Projects that focus on systemic replacements

These priority projects bring the total of the funding request to the State to approximately \$51.3 million.

Council Member Dernoga brought up an issue of spending caps on administrative costs and inquired as to why that amendment made in the Board of Education's meeting was not a part of this letter. Shawn Matlock, Director of Capital Programs for PGCPS, stated that the amendment was related to County funding, not State funding, and therefore has nothing to do with this letter. Council Member Dernoga was satisfied with Mr. Matlock's response but emphasized the need to pursue this issue later during the County Budget Process.

The Committee voted favorable on the Proposed Joint Signature Letter.