



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Mr. Alex Donahue
Executive Director
The Maryland Interagency Commission (IAC) on School Construction
200 West Baltimore Street
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Dear Mr. Donahue:

This joint signature letter endorses the Prince George's County Board of Education's proposed FY2026 capital budget request and identifies the projects that Prince George's County considers most critical. This funding endorsement is consistent with the priorities of Prince George's County for public education and the modernization of our extensive and aging portfolio of school facilities.

The Board's FY2026 State funding request of \$74.4 million balances major school modernization projects with smaller initiatives that address programmatic needs tied to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future legislation. Additionally, this year's request includes critically needed envelope projects, such as window and roof replacements, which are typically excluded from State funding requests. By including these projects, Prince George's County ensures its role in the requested State-wide expression of need, maximizes potential CIP funding, and prepares for any additional dollars that may be identified, helping to close funding gaps and secure the maximum possible support.

1 – Continuation Request for Multi-Year Modernizations

This first priority group is for continued State funding for multi-year modernizations and new schools that have received State planning approval and/or prior year construction funding. They include the yearly request of support for the modernization of Suitland High and the Center for Visual and Performance Arts, the replacement of the Cool Spring/Adelphi Elementary and the new Northern Adelphi Area High.

Please note the Cool Spring Annex Building is permitted with the main building for cohesive execution but is presented here and in our CIP request as a separate project since it houses a regional therapy pool for special education students that will serve the entire northern region and not only the in-boundary students of Cool Spring/Adelphi Elementary (it will also include cooperative use space for a family support center).

Priority	Project	BOE State Funding Request	County Endorsement Match
1	Suitland HS Campus Replacement	\$2,836,812	\$30,000,000
2	Cool Spring/Adelphi ES Replacement	\$20,000,000	\$2,000,000
3	Cool Spring Annex Building	Planning Approval	\$0
4	New Northern Adelphi Area HS	\$22,000,000	\$2,000,000
SUB-TOTAL		\$44,836,812	\$34,000,000

2 – Requests for Planning Approval

The second priority group consists of requests for Planning Approval and planning funds for two projects that will support the pre-k and Career & Technical Education (CTE) expansion mandates of the *Blueprint for Maryland's Future*: the Riverdale Hills Early Childhood Center will provide 200 seats for 3 year-old and 4 year-old prekindergarten students and the Crossland High CTE addition project will increase the access of students to skills training that can lead to employment and enhance the workforce capacities of the county. Please note that planning activities for both projects have already begun, using local funds.

Priority	Project	BOE State Funding Request	County Endorsement Match
5	Riverdale Hills Early Childhood Center	\$300,000	\$0
6	Crossland High School CTE Addition	\$300,000	\$0
SUB-TOTAL		\$600,000	\$0

3 – Requests for Envelope Replacement Projects

The final priority group are included specifically for the funding gap resolution mentioned above but truly address some of the most critically needed project types in our inventory: systemic roof and window/door replacements. These projects ensure and sustain (or remedy) the safety and healthiness of our older buildings in preventing water infiltration and the hosts of issues it causes from mold to structural decay. The projects here include nine (9) roof replacement projects and seven (7) window/door replacement projects. Funds are requested to initiate the design of these projects, with the goal of starting construction in the summer of 2026.

Priority	Project	BOE State Funding Request	County Endorsement Match
7	Benjamin Stoddert Middle Roof	\$1,860,000	\$930,000
8	Martin Luther King Middle Roof	\$3,281,000	\$1,641,000
9	Apple Grove Elementary Window-Door	\$1,276,000	\$1,081,000
10	Scotchtown Hills Elementary Roof	\$1,831,000	\$915,000
11	Melwood Elementary Roof	\$2,409,000	\$1,204,000
12	Chillum Elementary Window-Door	\$1,406,000	\$1,190,000
13	Thomas Pullen Middle Roof	\$3,193,000	\$1,596,000
14	Beacon Heights Elementary Roof	\$1,454,000	\$727,000
15	Cooper Lane Elementary Window-Door	\$961,000	\$813,000
16	Catherine T. Reed Roof	\$2,237,000	\$1,118,000
17	Kettering Elementary Roof	\$2,273,000	\$1,137,000
18	Capitol Heights Elementary Window-Door	\$1,149,000	\$972,000
19	James McHenry Elementary Roof	\$2,218,000	\$1,109,000
20	Largo High Window-Door	\$1,537,000	\$1,302,000
21	Imagine Charter School Window-Door	\$1,066,000	\$902,000
22	Princeton Elementary Window-Door	\$845,000	\$716,000
SUB-TOTAL		\$28,996,000	\$17,353,000

Total BOE State Funding Request and County Endorsement Match

BOE State Funding Request	County Endorsement Match
\$74,432,812	\$51,353,000

4 – Future Year Requests

For future years, Prince George’s County Public Schools will undertake the next set of Cycle 1 modernization projects that were identified in the Master Plan Support Project (MPSP) in 2014 and the approved Educational Facility Master Plan (EFMP) in FY2017. The required update study for Cycle 2 prioritization will begin this fall with the renewal of Educational Specifications and in Spring the commencement of the full study of all remaining facilities. The next Cycle 1 projects for immediate execution include:

Future Year Projects
High Point High School Replacement In design (design is currently funded).
New International HS at Langley Park In planning (final approach will be approved by the Board in Spring 2025 with the EFMP)
New Southern Area ES (Consolidation Schools TBD) In planning (final project will be from the approved FY17 EFMP list for consolidation and will be confirmed by the Board in Spring 2025)
Longfields Elementary Phased Renovation (Limited Renovation)
Calverton Elementary Phased Renovation (Limited Renovation)

The County Government supports the Board's sequentially prioritized FY 2026 State and County funding request and remains prepared to continue to provide significant local resources for school facilities. We are hopeful that the State will join in this effort. If you have any questions, please contact members of our staff. We appreciate your past support and look forward to working with the State again this year to ensure full support for the extensive needs of the school system.

Sincerely,



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