

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2000 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-51-2000

Proposed by Council Member Russell

Introduced by Council Member Russell

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction September 26, 2000

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning School Construction

2 For the purpose of establishing a School Construction Panel to review and make
3 recommendations on improving processes and procedures associated with school construction
4 and to address the impact of rising construction costs in the Washington-Metropolitan area as
5 they relate to school construction.

6 WHEREAS, the County's Fiscal Year 2001-2006 Capital Improvement Program includes
7 funding for the construction of 19 new elementary schools, two new middle schools, four new
8 high schools, and numerous school rehabilitation projects with completion dates in years 2000
9 through 2005;

10 WHEREAS, it is critical to Prince George's County that this schedule be maintained in
11 order to reestablish a network of neighborhood schools and to achieve a high level of
12 performance and accountability in the school system of Prince George's County in accordance
13 with the Memorandum of Understanding ending desegregation in Prince George's County
14 schools; and to address overcrowded and aging school facilities in Prince George's County;

15 WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the County Council that several school
16 construction projects have fallen seriously behind schedule and additional projects have been
17 identified as being in serious threat of delay jeopardizing critical opening schedules as set forth
18 by the County and the Prince George's County Public School System;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
20 County, Maryland, that a School Construction Panel be established to address improving
21 processes and procedures and review the impact of rising construction costs in the Washington-
22 Metropolitan areas as they relate to the school construction and to make recommendations on

1 how we can avoid future delays in the school construction program;

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Panel shall be co-chaired by the Superintendent of
3 Schools and the County's Chief Administrative Officer;

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the co-chairs shall request participation in Panel
5 discussions by the State's Interagency Committee of Schools and appoint membership to the
6 Panel to include but not limited to the following sectors of County government:

- 7 1) The Office of the County Executive
- 8 2) The County Council
- 9 3) The County Office of Central Services
- 10 4) The Department of Environmental Resources
- 11 5) The County Office of Management and Budget
- 12 6) The County Office of Finance
- 13 7) The Public School System's Office of Capital Improvement
- 14 8) The Public School System's Office of Finance
- 15 9) The County Office of Law
- 16 10) The County Department of Public Works and Transportation

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a report of the Panels findings and recommendations
18 shall be made to the County Executive, County Council, Board of Education, and the Chairman
19 of the Prince George's County Delegation no later than January 8, 2001;

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing responsibilities are to be coordinated by,
21 and may be carried out concurrently with, the efforts of the existing School Construction/Park
22 School Project Team.

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