

November 16, 2021

Mr. Robert Gorrell
Executive Director
The Maryland Interagency Commission (IAC) on School Construction
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Mr. Gorrell:

This joint signature letter endorses the Prince George’s County Board of Education’s proposed FY 2023 capital budget request and identifies the projects that this County considers most critical. This funding endorsement is consistent with the County’s priorities – construction funding for projects that have received State planning approval, approval of planning and construction funding requests, and the remaining construction funding for three (3) systemic replacement projects.

The Board’s FY 2023 State funding request of \$51 million focuses on major school modernization projects with one roof and two HVAC systemic project requests. It reflects the advancement of a comprehensive modernization program aligned with the FY22 Amendments to the FY21 Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP). All other projects will be addressed through local funding.

The first priority is for continued State funding for those multi-year, major projects that have received State planning approval and prior year construction funding. These projects include:

Priority	Project	BOE State Funding Request	County Endorsement
1	William Wirt MS Replacement	\$811,000	\$811,000
2	New Glenridge Area Middle School	\$1,048,000	\$1,048,000
3*	William Schmidt Outdoor Educational Center Renovation & Addition	\$0	\$0
	SUB-TOTAL	\$ 1,859,000	\$ 1,859,000

* Local funding priority in FY23 only; no further State IAC funding available

The second priority addresses the Suitland High School Campus project that is approaching permitting and in need of State construction funding.

Priority	Project	BOE State Funding Request	County Endorsement
4	Suitland HS Campus Replacement	\$27,502,000	\$27,502,000

The third priority addresses projects that are being designed using County funds and in need of State planning approval. Included among this group is the first set of prioritized projects that seek to implement the long-range vision for modernization. Granting planning approval for these projects will enable the County to move forward on these new construction projects. These projects include:

Priority	Project	BOE Request	County Endorsement
5	Cool Spring ES/ Annex- Judith Hoyer Center Modernization/ Replacement	Planning Approval Only	Planning Approval Only
6	New Northern Adelphi Area High School	Planning Approval Only	Planning Approval Only
7	High Point High School Replacement	Planning Approval Only	Planning Approval Only
8	Margaret Brent Regional ES	Planning Approval Only	Planning Approval Only
9	New International HS @ Langley Park	Planning Approval Only	Planning Approval Only
	TOTAL	\$0	\$0

The fourth priority focuses on three (3) systemic replacement projects.

Priority	Project	BOE State Funding Request	County Endorsement
10	H. Winship Wheatley ECC HVAC Replacement	\$10,220,000	\$10,220,000
11	Charles Flowers HS Roof Replacement (Phase 1 & 2)	\$5,183,000	\$5,183,000
12	Phyllis E. Williams ES HVAC Replacement	\$6,570,000	\$6,570,000
	TOTAL	\$21,973,000	\$21,973,000

Total BOE State Funding Request and County Endorsement

BOE State Funding Request	County Endorsement
\$51,334,000	\$51,334,000

The County supports the Board’s sequentially prioritized FY 2023 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,

Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

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Prince George’s County Council

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