

November 2, 2022

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

Dear Mr. Donahue:

This joint signature letter endorses the Prince George’s County Board of Education’s proposed FY2024 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 for one modernization project, and the remaining construction funding for one (1) systemic replacement projects.

The Board’s FY2024 State funding request of \$63 million focuses on major school modernization projects with one HVAC systemic project request. It reflects the advancement of a comprehensive modernization program aligned with the FY2023 Amendments to the FY2022 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 Schmidt Outdoor Educational Center Renovation & Addition	2,488,000	2,488,000
2	Suitland HS Campus Replacement	\$48,000,000	\$48,000,000
	SUB-TOTAL	\$50,480,000	\$ 50,488,000

The second priority addresses the expansion of the Cool Spring ES/Annex-Judith Hoyer Center Modernization/replacement Campus project which requires both planning approval and is in need of State construction funding. The project is essential to the start of the New Northern Area High School project, which will relieve overcrowding in several northern county high schools.

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3	Cool Spring ES/ Annex- Judith Hoyer Center Modernization/ Replacement	Planning and Funding Approval \$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
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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. We are addressing critical capacity issues through our Alternative Financing Construction projects and certain CIP High School projects, while using Limited Renovations to address a number older schools that do not have a major capacity element. 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
4	High Point High School Replacement	Planning Approval Only	Planning Approval Only
5	New Northern Adelphi Area High School	Planning Approval Only	Planning Approval Only
6	New International HS @ Langley Park	Planning Approval Only	Planning Approval Only
	Crossland High School Replacement		Planning Approval Only
8	Thomas Johnson MS Staged Renovation (Limited Renovation)	Planning Approval Only	Planning Approval Only
9	Berwyn Heights ES Staged Renovation (Limited Renovation)	Planning Approval Only	Planning Approval Only
	TOTAL	\$0	\$0

The fourth priority focuses on one (1) systemic replacement project.

Priority	Project	BOE State Funding Request	County Endorsement
7	Woodridge ES HVAC Replacement	\$3,650,000	\$3,650,000
	TOTAL	\$3,650,000	\$3,650,000

Total BOE State Funding Request and County Endorsement

BOE State Funding Request	County Endorsement
\$63,138,000	\$63,138,000

The County supports the Board's sequentially prioritized FY 2024 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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County Executive

Calvin S. Hawkins, II, Chair
Prince George's County Council

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