

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2004 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-38-2004

Proposed by Council Members Knotts and Dean

Introduced by Council Members Knotts and Dean

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction June 8, 2004

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Task Force on High School Capacity Alternatives

3 For the purpose of establishing a Task Force on High School Capacity Alternatives to analyze
4 alternatives to provide additional pupil capacity at high school facilities in the County.

5 WHEREAS, Prince George's County is anticipating a dramatic increase in the number of
6 students attending high school that will exceed the existing capacity of County high schools; and

7 WHEREAS, the Board of Education for Prince George's County is responsible for
8 providing an educational program for all students of high school age who reside in the County;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the County Government, in conjunction with the State of Maryland, is
11 responsible for providing funding for the construction and operation of public school facilities in
12 the County; and

13 WHEREAS, the Board of Education for Prince George's County has presented a proposed
14 capital construction program for high schools that is based on the construction of significant
15 additions to 5 existing high schools in the northern portion of the County; and

16 WHEREAS, the County Council, for two consecutive budget years, has expressed a
17 preference for the construction of an additional new high school in lieu of the proposed addition
18 program to address the shortage of classroom space in high schools in the northern portion of the
19 County; and

20 WHEREAS, the County Council has deferred the appropriation of funds to construct the
21 proposed high school additions until an evaluation of alternatives to constructing additions has
22 been thoroughly and thoughtfully considered by all responsible parties.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
2 County, Maryland, that The Task Force on High School Capacity Alternatives is created and
3 charged with the responsibility to:

4 1. Analyze the Board of Education's proposal to construct additions to five of the
5 County's existing high schools;

6 2. Analyze alternative proposals to construct an additional high school in the northern
7 portion of the County and other alternative measures to address issues relating to high school
8 capacity;

9 3. Evaluate potential sites for the construction of an additional high school in the northern
10 portion of the County;

11 4. Evaluate alternative funding strategies.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force on High School Capacity Alternatives
13 shall have a total of 13 members comprised of:

14 1. 3 members appointed by the County Executive;

15 2. 3 members appointed by the Board of Education for Prince George's County;

16 3. 3 members appointed by the County Council, one of whom shall be designated as the
17 Chairman;

18 4. 1 member appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation;

19 5. 1 member appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation;

20 6. 1 member appointed by the State Board of Education; and

21 7. 1 member appointed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
22 Commission.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force on High School Capacity Alternatives
24 shall present its recommendations to the County Executive, the County Council, and the Board
25 of Education no later than September 28, 2004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator shall provide appropriate staff support to the Task Force on High School Capacity Alternatives.

Adopted this 8th day of June, 2004.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Tony Knotts
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council