

OVERVIEW

Alternative Financing for Public School Construction Work Group

- June 25, 2014, Executive Director of the Interagency Committee on School Construction discusses funding for Maryland public school construction addressing an Executive Order issued by Governor O'Malley.
 - Topics discussed included: creative means to increase school construction funding; reliable school construction finding streams, use of lease payments/alternative funding methods for construction of schools, and local funding, tax capacity and effort.
- Senate Bill 92 provides incentives to encourage public school systems to pursue innovative public school facility projects.
- CR-33-2018 encourages, supports, and commits to participation County Council participation in a Public Private Partnership Alternative Financing School Infrastructure Work Group (the "Work Group").
 - Examines the fiscal and operational viability of an alternative school financing model (Public Private Partnership, or P3), and
 - Determines the optimum method of implementation of such a concept, as it relates to capital improvement projects.
- The Work Group developed a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit an advisory firm to provide specialized assistance in determining the feasibility of an alternative school financing model, and to seek assistance in the drafting of a solicitation for selection of an alternative school financing partner, the review of solicitation bids, and the selection and negotiation of an agreement with the chosen organization.
- Jones, Lang, LaSalle (JLL) was selected to provide advisory services.
- JLL is determining the feasibility of an alternative school financing model to accelerate the construction of a package of schools using data provided by School System staff.
- JLL will also assist in the drafting of a solicitation for a development team to drive the school construction process under an agreed upon alternative school financing model. The draft is anticipated to be completed in the next 30 to 45 days.
- Council Members can look forward to receiving more in-depth details of the alternative school financing model that will best meet the needs of the School System in the acceleration of school construction projects, the package of schools selected to be included in the alternative school financing model, and details of the solicitation to be used to select a construction/financing partner in the on-going alternative school financing effort within the next 60 to 90 days.