

MEMORANDUM

November 3, 2011

TO: Education Committee

FROM:  Keith Levchenko, Senior Legislative Analyst

SUBJECT: Council Resolution Regarding FY13 State Aid for School Construction

Council Staff Recommendation: Approve the attached resolution supporting MCPS' FY13 State Aid for School Construction Request.

Background

In early October, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) submitted its preliminary FY13 State aid for school construction request to the Interagency Committee on School Construction (IAC). MCPS' FY13 State aid request is \$194.7 million. Another \$493.9 million in State aid eligibility for currently approved projects is assumed for FYs14-18 (see ©5-10).

Each year, the County transmits a unified request to the IAC, which takes the form of a letter signed by the Council President, County Executive, Superintendent, and Board of Education President. A draft of this letter will be circulated to Councilmembers for comments.

The Council also acts upon a resolution (draft attached on ©1-4) formally supporting the Board of Education's State aid request. The Council resolution is scheduled for introduction on November 8 and action on November 15.

The Board of Education is scheduled to take action on the Superintendent's FY13 Capital Budget and FY13-18 CIP and FY13 State aid request on November 17. Any revisions to the State aid request are due to the State by November 28, 2011. The Board's official FY13 Capital Budget and FY13-18 CIP must be formally transmitted to the Council and the County Executive by December 1.

In late December or early January, the Interagency Committee on School Construction (IAC) will submit its recommended allocations of school construction dollars to the Board of Public Works. The Board of Public Works typically holds a hearing each year in late January to receive comments from local education authorities.

Request Summary

As required by the State, the request assumes State aid only for projects already approved by the County Council. As has been the case the past few years, the requested amount is quite high, due to a build-up of new and ongoing projects either not funded by the State yet or by projects previously only partially funded. In addition, a total of \$17.8 million is requested for forward-funded projects (projects already under construction or completed that have yet to receive eligible State aid). MCPS is also requesting \$9.8 million in State aid for systemic work (roof replacement and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) work).

The largest requests for State aid in the package are: the Paint Branch High School modernization (\$38.9 million) and Herbert Hoover Middle School modernization (\$14.8 million). There are also many elementary school modernizations and additions and other miscellaneous projects.

Discussion

FY12 Action Regarding Alcohol Beverage Sales and Use Tax Revenue and Impact

As part of the FY12 budget, the State approved an additional \$47.5 million towards school construction (on top of the \$264.6 million approved within the School Construction program) in one-time funding from increased alcohol beverage sales and use tax revenues (HB1213). For Montgomery County, an additional \$9.0 million was funded from these revenues for FY12.

Supplemental action allocating the \$9.0 million was approved by the Board of Public Works this past October. Four MCPS projects received the additional State aid, including: Cabin John MS (\$1.4 million), Cannon Road ES (\$1.1 million), Farmland ES (\$5.2 million) and Garrett Park ES (\$1.3 million). However, since this action occurred subsequent to the Superintendent's submission of a preliminary FY13 State aid request, MCPS' State aid request included FY13 State aid eligibility for these projects that is now moot. Therefore, the Board of Education's revised FY13 State aid request (scheduled for action on November 17) will reflect a reduction of \$9.0 million. The draft resolution (attached on ©1-4) reflects this change as well.

Other FY13 State Aid Changes

No other major changes in the State aid request are expected between now and Board of Education action on November 17. However, some minor changes may be made as MCPS finalizes its State aid request. Council Staff will incorporate any of these changes into the resolution prior to Council action scheduled on November 15.

FY13 Budget and Outyear Assumptions

NOTE: MCPS' state aid for school construction request is not linked to State aid associated with the MCPS Operating Budget or with the State's "Maintenance of Effort" requirements.

The Approved FY11-16 CIP (as amended last May) includes \$42 million for FY12 (as approved by the Board of Public Works last spring) and assumes \$40 million per year for FY13 through FY18. As noted earlier, \$9.0 million of the approved amount was one-time funding from alcohol beverage sales and use tax proceeds.

Based on MCPS' latest assumptions of State aid eligibility for FY13 (\$194.7 million minus \$9.0 million = \$185.7 million) and for the FY14-18 period (\$493.9 million), the County should have sufficient eligibility to request far more than the budgeted amounts for each fiscal year.

The key issue is how much the County will be awarded in State aid for school construction, especially in light of the fact that the IAC has been increasingly reluctant to provide planning approval to new projects until already approved eligible projects are funded statewide. In recent years, as shown in the following chart, the County's annual State aid award has been far less than the County's eligibility. Last year, in FY12, the County requested \$163.6 million and was awarded \$33 million from the School Construction Fund and another \$9.0 million from alcohol beverage sales and use tax proceeds.

**State Aid for School Construction
FY06-FY13 (in millions)**

Fiscal Year	Statewide Requests	Statewide Allocation	MCPS Request	Approved	% of Statewide Allocation
FY06	\$592.7	\$250.0	\$126.3	\$30.4	12.2%
FY07	\$730.4	\$320.5	\$125.2	\$40.1	12.5%
FY08	\$893.8	\$400.0	\$134.0	\$52.3	13.1%
FY09	\$871.4	\$340.0	\$132.8	\$46.3	13.6%
FY10	\$766.0	\$266.7	\$113.9	\$28.4	10.6%
FY11	\$729.1	\$263.7	\$139.1	\$30.2	11.5%
FY12*	\$612.3	\$312.1	\$163.5	\$42.0	13.5%
FY13**	\$400.0	\$250.0	\$194.7	TBD	TBD

*For FY12, \$47.5 million in alcohol beverage sales and use tax proceeds (HB1213) is included in statewide allocation totals. MCPS received an additional \$9.0 million from these proceeds.

**For FY13, the statewide request total is an estimate. The statewide allocation is a preliminary budget assumption

One key factor affecting what the County will ultimately receive is the statewide total allocated for school construction. For FY08, the State approved an unusually high level of funding statewide (\$400 million). In FY09, that amount dropped to \$340 million statewide (still a historically high amount). In FY10 and FY11, that amount dropped further (to \$266.7 and \$263.7 million respectively). For FY12, the amount went up again, primarily as a result of \$47.5 million from alcohol beverage sales and use tax proceeds being allocated. Based on discussions with the County's Intergovernmental Relations staff, a \$250 million statewide allocation is currently assumed.

As always, statewide competition for school construction dollars is intense. Requests far exceed the statewide awards. For FY12, statewide requests totaled over \$600 million. Statewide requests peaked in FY08 (\$893.8 million) and have declined over the past four years, most likely as a result of fiscal difficulties faced by local jurisdictions. For FY13, MCPS' revised request will be around \$186 million.

Given that the FY13 statewide allocation assumption is \$250 million, which is a significant drop from the FY12 total, and the fact that County's award (netting out the one-time \$9.0 million awarded for FY12) has been in the \$30 million range the last three years, the Approved FY11-16 CIP assumption of \$40 million per year in FY13 through FY18 may be optimistic. An annual budget assumption of \$35 million would be more realistic. This lower placeholder amount may be a more appropriate budgetary starting point for the County Executive to consider as part of his FY13 Capital Budget and FY13-18 CIP, which will be transmitted to the Council in mid-January. Whatever assumptions are made will need to be revisited during the Council's CIP reconciliation in early May, after the Board of Public Works makes its final allocation decisions.

Class Size Reduction Initiative

One continuing area of contention between MCPS and the State involves MCPS' elementary school class size reduction (CSR) initiative. From a capital perspective, this initiative results in space needs that exceed State aid eligibility guidelines for these schools. Therefore, all of the CSR schools in the current request (these schools are noted on the draft resolution) are likely to receive significantly less State aid than requested.

Forward-Funding of Projects

As expected because State aid has been far less than the County's eligibility over the past several years, the County is now forward funding projects. The County did this in the late 1980s and early 1990s and ultimately did receive State aid reimbursement. However, there are no guarantees. Further, how the County funds this effort makes a difference. If the County forward-funds these projects with bonds, and State funding is not received within 18 months after the final bills for a project are paid, the County will have to seek current revenue from the State in the future for reimbursement.

Further complicating matters is the fact that the IAC has made clear that it is hesitant to grant planning approval to eligible projects as long as there is a backlog of projects with planning approval awaiting funding. The result is that the County has a list of projects seeking both planning approval and construction funding (see ©2-3 of the draft resolution). If the County forward-funds projects that have not yet received planning approval, there is no guarantee the State will consider reimbursing the County in the future.

If State aid is not forthcoming for numerous projects on the eligibility list, the Council will need to decide whether to continue its approach of forward-funding these projects, or whether to defer construction of some projects pending future receipt of State aid. Since most projects on the current State aid eligibility list will already be under construction by the time State action for FY12 is finalized, the only practical way to minimize forward-funding in the future would be to defer approval of new projects in FY13 or beyond.

Council Staff Recommendation

Council Staff recommends that the Council concur with MCPS' revised State aid request for FY13.¹ Council staff believes that the principle of asking for all aid we believe we are eligible for is appropriate. The projects associated with this aid have all been approved by the Council within the FY11-16 CIP as amended last May. The difficulty this year (as is typically the case) is that this eligibility is several times greater than the amount likely to be approved by the State.

Attachments

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¹ Final adjustments to the MCPS State aid request will be reflected in the resolution included in the packet for Council action on November 15.

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Note: \$9.0 million has been reduced from this request (as marked) based on the Board of Public Works' recent allocation of FY12 approved revenue from the alcohol beverage sales and use tax.

Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Approval of FY13 request for State Funding of Montgomery County School Construction Program and Approval of Five-Year Capital Improvements Program Estimates for FY14-18

Background

1. Section 5-301 of the Education Article, Maryland Code, as amended, authorizes the State Board of Public Works to adopt rules, regulations, and procedures for the administration of the school construction program.
2. These rules, regulations, and procedures require each local Board of Education to submit to the Interagency Committee, by November 28, 2011, its updated and detailed capital improvements program for the following year, and a school capital improvements program for the ensuing five fiscal years, both of which shall have been approved by the local governing body.
3. In Montgomery County, the local governing body includes the County Executive, who is authorized to review and make recommendations, and the County Council, which is required to approve the Capital Improvements Program.
4. Montgomery County Public Schools' latest estimate is ~~\$194,681,000~~ \$185,681,000 in State funding for FY13 projects in priority order as shown below:

<u>Priority/Project</u>	<u>\$(000's)</u>
<u>Construction Funding Balance (Previously Approved Projects)</u>	
1. Cabin John MS – Modernization	\$1,428
2. Cannon Road ES – Modernization	1,058
3. Fox Chapel ES – Addition (CSR) ¹	<u>172</u>
	Subtotal: \$2,658 \$172

¹“(CSR)” indicates a school where class size reductions have been implemented.

Construction Request (Forward-Funded)

4.	Jackson Road ES – Addition (CSR)	1,254
5.	Garrett Park ES – Modernization	6,691 5,353
6.	Farmland ES – Modernization	5,176
7.	Redland MS Upgrades/Limited Renovation	<u>4,634</u>
Subtotal: \$17,755		\$11,241

Systemic Projects

8.	Piney Branch ES – HVAC	977
9.	Col Zadok Magruder HS, Phase III – HVAC	882
10.	Bannockburn ES – HVAC	791
11.	Waters Landing ES – HVAC	759
12.	Rosemary Hills ES – HVAC	744
13.	Rachel Carson ES – HVAC	722
14.	Albert Einstein HS – Roof	686
15.	Neelsville MS – HVAC	624
16.	East Silver Spring ES – HVAC	617
17.	Westbrook ES – HVAC	416
18.	Sequoyah ES – Roof	415
19.	Whetstone ES – Roof	372
20.	Stedwick ES – Roof	369
21.	Damascus ES – Roof	367
22.	South Lake ES – Roof	351
23.	Winston Churchill HS – Roof	327
24.	Pine Crest ES – Roof	212
25.	Summit Hall ES – Roof	<u>147</u>
Subtotal: \$9,778		

Planning Approval and Construction Request

26/27.	Rock View ES – Addition (CSR)	1,938
28/29.	Brookhaven ES – Addition (CSR)	1,647
30/31.	Harmony Hills ES – Addition (CSR)	2,827
32/33.	Montgomery Knolls ES – Addition (CSR)	2,586
34/35.	Fairland ES – Addition (CSR)	2,086
36/37.	Ridgeview MS - Limited Renovation	1,954
38/39.	Whetstone ES – Addition (CSR)	<u>1,260</u>
Subtotal: \$14,298		

Planning and Construction Request

40/41.	Downcounty Consortium ES #29 (McKenney Hills reopening)	9,405
42/43.	Seven Locks ES – Modernization	5,910
44/45.	Paint Branch HS – Modernization	38,935
46/47.	Herbert Hoover MS – Modernization	14,812
48/49.	Glenallan ES – Modernization (CSR)	9,388
50/51.	Beverly Farms ES – Modernization	8,566
52/53.	Weller Road ES – Modernization (CSR)	5,953
54/55.	Bradley Hills ES – Addition	4,586
56/57.	Westbrook ES – Addition	3,363
58/59.	Wyngate ES – Addition	2,903

60/61. Viers Mill ES – Addition	2,690
62/63. Georgian Forest ES – Addition	2,477
64/65. Darnestown ES – Addition	2,333
66/67. Gaithersburg HS – Modernization	<u>38,871</u>

Subtotal: \$150,192

Planning Approval Request

68. Bel Pre ES – Modernization ²	n/a
69. Candlewood ES – Modernization ²	n/a
70. Clarksburg Cluster ES ²	n/a
71. Rock Creek Forest ES – Modernization ²	n/a
72. Waters Landing ES – Addition ²	n/a
73. Farquhar MS – Modernization ²	n/a
74. Wheaton HS – Modernization ²	n/a

Total **\$194,681 \$185,681**

5. The County Council continues to support review by the Interagency Committee on School Construction of the State's eligibility guidelines, especially with regard to projects forward-funded by Montgomery County and the square footage eligibility formulas that negatively affect capital funding for classrooms needed to accommodate class size reduction initiatives.
6. For FY14 through FY18 an amount of \$493,866,000 in State aid eligibility is assumed for currently approved projects.
7. The rules, regulations and procedures for the administration of the school construction program adopted by the State Board of Public Works provide for amendments during the course of the year to the Five-Year Capital Improvements Program.
8. The County Council realizes that, for a project for which State funding is approved, County funding may be required to supplement State funds.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

Approval of an FY13 request for State funding of Montgomery County School Construction Program of ~~\$194,681,000~~ \$185,681,000, as well as submittal of the Five-Year Capital Improvements Program State aid eligibility estimates for FY14-18 to the State, for informational purposes only, of \$493,866,000.

² Split fiscal year funding request

The County Council intends to provide the operating funds necessary to operate and maintain the facilities for which FY13 State capital funding is approved.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

October 14, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Montgomery County Public Schools Fiscal Year 2013 State Capital Improvements Program Request to the State of Maryland (Preliminary)

The preliminary Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 State Capital Improvements Program (CIP) request has been submitted to the Interagency Committee for Public School Construction (IAC). The preliminary FY 2013 request for state aid totals \$194,681,000 and is based on the projects approved by the County Council in the *FY 2012 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2011–2016 CIP* in May 2011.

The preliminary FY 2013 State CIP for MCPS request project summary table is attached for your review (Attachment A). This table includes all of the projects that were requested for planning and/or construction. In addition, two letters to Dr. David Lever, executive director, IAC, also are attached (Attachments B and C). These letters outline our funding request and indicate our intent to seek Silver certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) from the United States Green Building Council for certain capital projects, as mandated by the state. A copy of the complete FY 2013 State CIP submission is available in the office of the Board of Education.

The Board of Education is scheduled to act on the FY 2013–2018 CIP at its boundary and facilities meeting scheduled for November 17, 2011. At that time, the Board also is scheduled to act on a final FY 2013 State CIP request. Any revisions to the preliminary request must be submitted to the state by November 28, 2011. At that time, I will forward copies of the final revised request to the Board of Education.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Larry A. Bowers, chief operating officer, at 301-279-3626, or Mr. James Song, director, Department of Facilities Management, at 240-314-1060.

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Attachments

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Mr. Bowers	Ms. Karamihas
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Song

FY 2013 State Capital Improvements Program for Montgomery County Public Schools

(figures in thousands)

Local Priority No.	FPA Y/N	Project	Total Estimated Cost	Non PSCP Funds	Prior IAC Funding Thru FY 2012	FY 2013 Request For Funding
Balance of Funding (Forward-Funded)						
1	Y	Cabin John MS Modernization	37,822	25,201	11,193	1,428
2	Y	Cannon Road ES Modernization	25,925	20,390	4,477	1,058
3	Y	Fox Chapel ES Addition (CSR)	7,205	5,153	1,880	172
		Subtotal	70,952	50,744	17,550	2,658
Construction Request (Forward-Funded)						
4	Y	Jackson Road ES Addition (CSR)	6,791	5,537		1,254
5	Y	Garrett Park ES Modernization	24,166	17,475		6,691
6	Y	Farmland ES Modernization	21,482	16,306		5,176
7	N	Redland MS Upgrades/Limited Renovation	14,233	9,599		4,634
		Subtotal	66,672	48,917	0	17,755
Systemic Projects						
8	Y	Piney Branch ES, HVAC	1,995	1,018		977
9	N	Col. Zadok Magruder HS, Phase III, HVAC	1,800	918		882
10	Y	Bannockburn ES, HVAC	1,615	824		791
11	Y	Waters Landing ES, HVAC	1,550	791		759
12	Y	Rosemary Hills ES, HVAC	1,520	776		744
13	Y	Rachel Carson ES, HVAC	1,475	753		722
14	Y	Albert Einstein HS Roof	1,400	714		686
15	Y	Neelsville MS, HVAC	1,275	651		624
16	Y	East Silver Spring ES, HVAC	1,260	643		617
17	Y	Westbrook ES, HVAC	850	434		416
18	N	Sequoyah ES Roof	848	433		415
19	Y	Whetstone ES Roof	760	388		372
20	Y	Stedwick ES Roof	755	386		369
21	Y	Damascus ES Roof	750	383		367
22	Y	South Lake ES Roof	718	367		351
23	Y	Winston Churchill HS Roof	658	341		327
24	Y	Pine Crest ES Roof	434	222		212
25	Y	Summit Hall ES Roof	300	153		147
		Subtotal	19,973	10,195	0	9,778
Planning and Construction Request (Forward-Funded)						
26/27	Y	Rock View ES Addition (CSR)	5,470	3,532		1,938
28/29	Y	Brookhaven ES Addition (CSR)	5,819	4,172		1,647
30/31	Y	Harmony Hills ES Addition (CSR)	5,949	3,122		2,827
32/33	Y	Montgomery Knolls ES Addition (CSR)	8,753	6,167		2,586
34/35	Y	Fairland ES Addition (CSR)	7,729	5,643		2,086
36/37	Y	Ridgeview MS Limited Renovation	13,524	11,570		1,954
38/39	Y	Whetstone ES Addition (CSR)	7,633	6,373		1,260
		Subtotal	54,877	40,579	0	14,298
Planning and Construction Request						
40/41	Y	Downcounty Consortium ES #29 (McKenney Hills re-opening)	32,221	22,816		9,405
42/43	Y	Seven Locks ES Modernization	22,662	16,752		5,910
44/45	Y	Paint Branch HS Modernization	98,498	59,563		38,935
46/47	Y	Herbert Hoover MS Modernization	48,788	33,976		14,812
48/49	Y	Glenallan ES Modernization (CSR)	29,511	20,223		9,388
50/51	Y	Beverly Farms ES Modernization	29,260	20,894		8,566
52/53	Y	Weller Road ES Modernization (CSR)	24,547	18,594		5,953
54/55	Y	Bradley Hills ES Addition	14,249	9,663		4,586
56/57	Y	Westbrook ES Addition	11,805	8,442		3,363
58/59	Y	Wyngate ES Addition	10,230	7,327		2,903
60/61	Y	Viers Mills ES Addition	11,177	8,487		2,690
62/63	Y	Georgian Forest ES Addition	10,620	8,143		2,477
64/65	N	Darnestown ES Addition	11,100	8,767		2,333
66/67	Y	Gaithersburg HS Modernization	119,300	80,429		38,871
		Subtotal	474,068	323,876	0	150,192
Planning Approval Request						
68	Y	Bel Pre ES Modernization*	LP			LP
69	Y	Candlewood ES Modernization*	LP			LP
70	Y	Clarksburg Cluster ES*	LP			LP
71	Y	Rock Creek Forest ES Modernization*	LP			LP
72	Y	Waters Landing ES Addition	LP			LP
73	N	Farquhar MS Modernization*	LP			LP
74	Y	Wheaton HS Modernization*	LP			LP
		TOTAL	686,542	474,311	17,550	194,681

*Split-FY Funding Request

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October 6, 2011



Dr. David Lever, Executive Director
Interagency Committee for Public School Construction
State of Maryland
200 West Baltimore Street
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Dear Dr. Lever:

Enclosed is the Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) funding request to the state of Maryland for the Public School Construction Program. The total request for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 state aid is \$194,681,000.

The County Council Adopted FY 2012 Capital Budget and the Amendments to the FY 2011–2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) totals \$1.359 billion for the six-year period, a decrease of \$26.97 million over the previously approved CIP and includes an FY 2012 expenditure of \$221.3 million. During the County Council's reconciliation process, in order to achieve a balanced budget, MCPS was able to provide technical adjustments to construction projects that shifted expenditures into the out-years of the CIP, which resulted in the six-year decrease from the previously approved to the current approved CIP. The technical adjustments, however, did not change the scheduled completion dates for any project in the CIP.

The Adopted FY 2012 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2011–2016 CIP maintains the completion dates for all individual new school and addition projects, as well as school modernization projects, as requested by the Board of Education. The adopted CIP includes funding for the planning and construction of seven elementary school addition projects, as well as funding to open a new elementary school in the Clarksburg Cluster. The adopted CIP also includes funding for the planning and construction of nine modernization projects and for many countywide systemic projects, including *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990* (ADA) compliance, energy conservation, restroom renovations, and roof replacements.

The construction of new facilities and additions to current facilities will help to accomplish the goals of addressing capacity needs throughout the county. For the 2010–2011 school year, MCPS experienced the third straight year of significant enrollment increases. The official September 30, 2010, enrollment of 144,064 was 2,287 more students than the previous year's enrollment of 141,777 students. Since 2007–2008, MCPS enrollment has increased by 6,319 students, a figure greater than the total enrollment of many of our school clusters. Enrollment growth is the result of increases in county resident births, movement into the system of students from nonpublic schools, and a significant reduction in the number of households—and therefore students—moving out of Montgomery County.

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Dr. David Lever

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October 6, 2011

MCPS' total enrollment is projected to grow by more than 10,000 students by the 2016–2017 school year. The greatest enrollment growth is expected to occur at the elementary school level, where currently 90 percent of our 406 relocatable classrooms are in use. Substantial increases in middle school and high school enrollments soon will follow. By grade level, enrollment by the 2016–2017 school year is projected to increase by 5,600 students in Grades K–5, 4,000 students in Grades 6–8, and 600 students in Grades 9–12. The enrollment growth that has occurred—and will continue for the foreseeable future—underscores the importance of our CIP program to accommodate the rapid influx of students, as well as address our aging infrastructure.

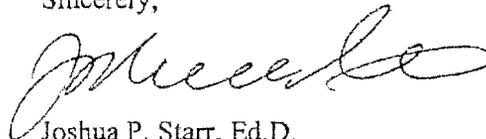
Keeping pace with enrollment growth, implementing full-day kindergarten, and accommodating the class-size reduction initiative at eligible elementary schools have required a major investment in school facilities. During the 2011–2012 school year, MCPS will operate 131 elementary schools, 38 middle schools, 25 high schools, one career and technology center, and five special education program centers. Since 1983, MCPS has opened 31 elementary schools, 17 middle schools, and 6 high schools, including 10 reopenings of closed schools. During the next six years, additional elementary schools and a middle school will be needed.

Competing with the need for school capacity is the need to preserve our investment in school facilities through a systematic schedule of school modernizations. Since 1985, 56 elementary schools, 12 middle schools, and 11 high schools have been modernized. As schools continue to age, modernization remains a high priority. The adopted CIP will, by the end of the six-year period, fund the modernizations of 10 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, and 3 high schools.

Following review and action in November 2011 by the Board of Education on the Superintendent's Recommended FY 2013 State Aid Request, I will provide revisions reflecting the Board and County Council decisions. The revisions will include the official September 30, 2011, enrollment information.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. James Song, director, Department of Facilities Management, at 240-314-1060.

Sincerely,



Joshua P. Starr, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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Enclosure
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October 6, 2011



Dr. David Lever, Executive Director
Interagency Committee for Public School Construction
State of Maryland
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Dr. Lever:

This letter is in response to your memorandum, dated July 1, 2011, regarding the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Public School Construction Capital Improvements Program. The memorandum requests that each school system submit a letter of intent to seek Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for certain capital projects.

It is our understanding that the *High Performance Building Act*, enacted by the legislature and the Governor in the 2008 session of the Maryland General Assembly, will require new schools to meet or exceed the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver rating on all new schools, including complete replacements and replacements for which more than 80 percent of the final square footage will be new. Montgomery County enacted local legislation in April 2008 that requires Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to achieve a LEED-certified Silver rating for all new construction.

Given the legislative mandates and our commitment to sustainable design, it is the intent of MCPS to seek LEED Silver Certification for all new schools, including complete replacements and replacements for which more than 80 percent of the final square footage is new. MCPS will apply for LEED Silver Certification for all projects included in our FY 2013 state aid request that meet the aforementioned criteria.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Larry A. Bowers, chief operating officer, at 301-279-3626 or Mr. James Song, director, Department of Facilities Management, at 240-314-1060.

Sincerely,

Joshua P. Starr, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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