

MEMORANDUM

November 13, 2009

TO: County Council

FROM: *KL* Keith Levchenko, Senior Legislative Analyst

SUBJECT: **Introduction:** Council Resolution Regarding FY11 State Aid for School Construction

In early October, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) submitted its preliminary FY11 State aid for school construction request to the Interagency Committee on School Construction (IAC). The FY11 State aid amount requested by MCPS is \$139.129 million. Another \$455.863 million in State aid eligibility for currently approved projects is assumed for FYs12-16.

Schedule

On November 11 and 12, the Board of Education held hearings and reviewed the Superintendent's FY11-16 CIP and State aid assumptions. Board action on the Superintendent's recommendations is scheduled for November 19.¹

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 soon. The Council also acts upon a resolution (draft attached on ©1-3) supporting the Board of Education's State aid request. The Council resolution is scheduled for discussion by the Education Committee on November 23 and action by the Council on November 24.

In late December or early January, the 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.

¹ Substantive changes in the FY11 State aid request by the Board of Education are unlikely given that the request is based solely on projects previously approved by the Council. However, the Board may approve some technical adjustments to the State aid request based on further MCPS staff discussions with the State.

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 substantial construction cost increases in recent years as well as a build-up of new and ongoing projects either not funded by the State yet (\$107.1 million) or only partially funded (\$10.8 million). In addition, a total of \$15.04 million is requested for forward-funded projects (projects already completed that have yet to receive eligible State aid). MCPS is also requesting \$6.2 million in State aid for systemic work (roofs and HVAC).

Attachments

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Resolution No. _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Approval of FY 11 request for State Funding of Montgomery County School Construction Program and Approval of Five-Year Capital Improvements Program Estimates for FY 12-16

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 December 1, 2009, its updated and detailed capital improvements program for the following year, and a school capital improvements program for the ensuring 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. On November 19, 2009, the Montgomery County Board of Education approved a request of \$139,129,000 in State funding for FY 11 projects in priority order as shown below:

| <u>Priority/Project</u> | <u>\$(000's)</u> |
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| <u>Construction Funding Balance (Previously Approved Projects)</u> | |
| 1. Francis Scott Key MS - Modernization | \$10,822 |
| <u>Planning Approval and Construction Request (Forward-Funded)</u> | |
| 2. Bells Mill ES - Modernization | 8,335 |
| 3. Cashell ES - Modernization | 6,710 |
| <u>Systemic Projects</u> | |
| 4. Eastern MS - HVAC | 918 |
| 5. Belmont ES - HVAC | 735 |
| 6. A. Mario Loiederman MS - Roof | 455 |
| 7. Sherwood HS - Roof | 409 |
| 8. Cedar Grove ES - HVAC | 392 |

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| 9. | Cold Spring ES - Roof | 384 |
| 10. | Laytonsville ES - Roof | 379 |
| 11. | Cloverly ES - Roof | 377 |
| 12. | Montgomery Knolls ES – Roof | 335 |
| 13. | Magruder HS - HVAC | 318 |
| 14. | Beall ES - Roof | 313 |
| 15. | Banneker MS – HVAC | 306 |
| 16. | Maryvale ES – HVAC | 269 |
| 17. | Dufief ES – HVAC | 245 |
| 18. | Clopper Mill ES – HVAC | 171 |
| 19. | Gaithersburg ES – HVAC | 171 |

Planning Approval and/or Construction Request

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| 20/21. | Cresthaven ES - Modernization | 7,586 |
| 22/23. | Carderock Springs ES - Modernization | 5,876 |
| 24/25. | Takoma Park ES – Addition (CSR ¹) | 4,622 |
| 26/27. | Poolesville HS Magnet Improvements | 3,081 |
| 28. | East Silver Spring ES – Addition (CSR) | 1,718 |
| 29/30. | Sherwood ES - Addition | 966 |
| 31/32. | Cabin John MS - Modernization | 18,486 |
| 33/34. | Farmland ES - Modernization | 12,090 |
| 35/36. | Seven Locks ES - Modernization | 5,447 |
| 37/38. | Redland MS Upgrades | 4,032 |
| 39/40. | Cannon Road ES – Modernization (CSR) | 3,857 |
| 41. | Fox Chapel ES – Addition (CSR) | 3,444 |
| 42/43. | Garrett Park ES - Modernization | 3,416 |
| 44/45. | Jackson Road ES – Addition (CSR) | 2,487 |
| 46/47. | Rock View ES – Addition (CSR) | 1,938 |
| 48/49. | Fairland ES – Addition (CSR) | 1,852 |
| 50/51. | Whetstone ES – Addition (CSR) | 1,795 |
| 52/53. | Brookhaven ES – Addition (CSR) | 1,192 |
| 54/55. | Montgomery Knolls ES – Addition (CSR) | 2,474 |
| 56/57. | Harmony Hills ES – Addition (CSR) | 2,348 |
| 58/59. | Paint Branch HS - Modernization | 18,378 |

Planning Approval Request

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| 60. | Downcounty Consortium ES #29 (McKenney Hills reopening) | n/a |
| 61. | Beverly Farms ES - Modernization | n/a |
| 62. | Glenallan ES – Modernization (CSR) | n/a |
| 63. | Herbert Hoover MS – Modernization | n/a |
| 64. | Weller Road ES – Modernization (CSR) | n/a |
| 65. | Gaithersburg HS – Modernization | n/a |

Total **\$139,129**

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

5. The County Council continues to support continued review by the Interagency Committee on School Construction of the State's eligibility guidelines and State aid reversion policies.
6. For FY 12 through FY 16 an amount of \$455,863,000 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 FY 11 request for State funding of Montgomery County School Construction Program of \$139,129,000 as well as submittal of the Five-Year Capital Improvements Program State aid eligibility estimates for FY 12-16 to the State for informational purposes only of \$455,863,000.

The County Council intends to provide the operating funds necessary to operate and maintain the facilities for which FY 11 State capital funding is approved.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council