

CR 154-2021

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss Council Resolution 154-2021 for the school system's capital budget and capital improvement program. My name is Sylvia Hennesie; I have been a proud Oakland Mills resident for the majority of my life, and am a parent of children attending schools within the OM cluster.

On September 23, our community shared our concerns with the Board of Education regarding the school system's proposed FY 2023 capital budget and capital improvement plan. Specifically, we are concerned about the significant deferred maintenance on Oakland Mills Middle and Oakland Mills High Schools, and the impact the conditions of these buildings are having on the learning and health environments of students and staff. Due to continued deferred maintenance, these two schools are working with facilities that are beyond their expected useful lifespan. Indoor environmental quality issues are frequent within both schools; excessive humidity continues to cause mold growth within OMHS and several water fountains have been closed due to high lead levels. OMMS shares similar humidity and mold issues due to poor HVAC systems.

On September 23, our community was heard. We are very appreciative that the Board of Education voted to move up renovations to Oakland Mills Middle School to 2024 and to add Oakland Mills High School renovation to the plan for 2026. I am here to ask that you support this plan, and support our community in obtaining the necessary and deserved facility updates needed. Our community is grateful to know that with your support, there is a light at the end of the tunnel in improving the learning and health environments of students and staff.

Thank you.

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Hello,

I am unable to attend the October 18 meeting, but I wanted to share that I support the Capital Improvement Program's inclusion of much-needed and overdue renovations to Oakland Mills Middle and Oakland Mills High.

Thank you,  
Jackie Michaelis  
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