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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 1

### Transfer of Appropriation Ordinance

#### No. 1 - Fiscal Year 2026

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short title: Transferring \$7,600,000 – E1036 – Oakland Mills Middle School Addition and Renovation

Title: AN ACT transferring \$7,600,000 from various School System capital projects to capital project E1036, Oakland Mills Middle School Addition and Renovation, in order to address a budget shortfall on that project.

Introduced and read first time Jan 5, 2026. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on Jan 20, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on Feb 2, 2026 and Passed ☒ Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 3 day of Feb, 2026 at 5:00 PM a.m./p.m.

By order Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive Feb 5, 2026

Calvin Ball  
Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1           **WHEREAS**, Section 609 of the Howard County Charter authorizes and empowers  
2 the Howard County Council to make interproject transfers of appropriations between capital  
3 projects in the capital budget and such transfers may be authorized by legislative act of the  
4 Council upon request of the Executive; and

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6           **WHEREAS**, on May 21, 2025, the County Council passed Council Bill No. 36-2025  
7 that adopted the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026; and

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9           **WHEREAS**, there is a budget shortfall in Capital Project E1036, Oakland Mills  
10 Middle School Addition and Renovation (“E1036”), that was realized after the receipt of  
11 construction bids; and

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13           **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education and Superintendent of the Howard County  
14 Public School System (“HCPSS”) have identified that funding is available from Capital  
15 Project, E1058, Systemic Renovations and Modernizations (“E1058”); and

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17           **WHEREAS**, there was a reduction in State Aid funding after the passage of the  
18 Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget and, by the passage of Council Bill No. 63-2025, the  
19 amount of State-Aid funding was reduced by \$587,000 in Capital Project E1058; and

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21           **WHEREAS**, despite the reduction in State-Aid funding to E1058, County bond  
22 funding is available to transfer to E1036; and

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24           **WHEREAS**, specifically, within E1058, funding is available from HVAC  
25 replacement for Lime Kiln Middle School and St. John’s Lane Elementary School; and

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27           **WHEREAS**, HCPSS has indicated that the funds are available for transfer from the  
28 respective projects.

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30       ***Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that, subject***  
31 *to the provisions of Maryland law, the Howard County Charter, and the Howard County*

Code relating to budgetary and fiscal procedures, the amount hereafter specified is hereby approved, appropriated, and authorized to be disbursed for the general County purposes specified and in sums itemized for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, as hereinafter indicated:

**Donor Project:**

E1058 Systemic Renovations and Modernization

Appropriation before transfer	\$147,602,000	
Less amount transferred to E1036 from Lime		
Kiln MS	(\$3,800,000)	(County Bonds)
Less amount transferred to E1036 from St. John's		
Lane ES – HVAC Replacement	<u>(\$3,800,000)</u>	(County Bonds)
Appropriation after transfer	\$140,002,000	

**Recipient Project:**

E1036- Oakland Mills Middle School Addition and Renovation

Appropriation before transfer	\$39,017,000	
Plus amount transferred from E1058	<u>\$7,600,000</u>	(County Bonds)
Appropriation after transfer	\$46,617,000	

**Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that this Transfer of Appropriation Ordinance shall be effective upon its enactment.



**Board of Education of Howard County  
Meeting Agenda Item**

**DATE:** November 06, 2025

**TITLE:** Transfer of Appropriations Ordinance

**PRESENTER(S):** Daniel Lubeley, Executive Director, Capital Planning and Construction

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

**Mission:** HCPSS creates an innovative and accountable learning community where we expand opportunities and access, remove barriers, and foster an inclusive environment.

**Key Commitment:** Creating innovative learning and working environments.

**Priority Area:** Priority 4: Enhance Systemic Planning & Procedures

**Goal:** Goal 1: **Foster a culture of continuous improvement** in which schools, offices, and departments monitor and report progress toward strategies and goals and make adjustments in a timely manner.

**OVERVIEW**

The Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools have identified the need to add funds to the Oakland Mills Middle School Addition and Renovation project, project number E1036, to partially address budget shortfalls realized after receipt of public bids for construction. Due to the increased cost of construction in the industry, an additional \$11,116,799 is required to remedy this budget shortfall.

The funding strategy includes a Capital Budget Transfer totaling \$7,600,000. The transfer moves funds from both the Lime Kiln Middle School Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) replacement and St. John's Lane Elementary School HVAC replacement projects. These two projects received public construction bids below the budgeted construction costs and therefore have funds available.

After Board approval, the proposed Capital Budget Transfer will be presented to the County Council, requesting approval of a resolution to transfer funding.

**RECOMMENDATION/~~FUTURE DIRECTION:~~**

Approval of the proposed Capital Budget Transfer and submission to the County for approval.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Daniel Lubeley  
Executive Director,  
Capital Planning and Construction

**APPROVAL/ CONCURRENCE:** William J. Barnes  
Superintendent

Karalee Turner-Little, Ph.D.  
Deputy Superintendent

Cornell S. Brown, Jr.  
Chief Operating Officer

## Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget Transfer – 1

The Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools have identified the need to add funds to the Oakland Mills Middle School Addition and Renovation project, project number E1036, to alleviate budget shortfalls realized after receipt of public bids for construction. Due to increases in the cost of construction throughout the industry, an additional \$11,116,799 is required to remediate this budget shortfall. The funding strategy includes requesting a Capital Budget Transfer to partially address the funding need for the project.

The funding strategy to alleviate the budget shortfall includes transferring funds from two construction projects that are funded from the Systemic Renovations and Modernizations project (E1058), reallocation of Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 requests, and additional local fund requests in future fiscal years. The reallocation of FY 2027 funding and increase in future fiscal years were included in the FY 2027 Capital Budget presented in October. This transfer request reflects project funding previously allocated to the Lime Kiln MS HVAC and St. John's Lane ES HVAC projects.

The requested transfer will include three Capital Educational projects (also referred to as Capital "E" projects) as reflected below:

E1058 – Systemic Renovations and Modernizations – Lime Kiln Middle School – HVAC Replacement  
E1058 – Systemic Renovations and Modernizations – St. John's Lane Elementary School – HVAC Replacement  
E1036 – Oakland Mills Middle School – Addition and Renovation

A balance of unencumbered funds will remain in each of the HVAC projects in addition to the project contingencies to assist in the case of unforeseen circumstances during the project construction.

<b>Transfer</b>					
<b>Donor Project #</b>	<b>Donor Project Name</b>	<b>Unencumbered Project Balance</b>	<b>Transfer Amount</b>	<b>Remaining Unencumbered Project Balance</b>	<b>Revenue Type</b>
E-1058	Lime Kiln Middle School – HVAC replacement	\$4,190,450	(\$3,800,000)	\$390,450	County Bond Funding
E-1058	St. John's Lane Elementary School – HVAC Replacement	\$4,137,707	(\$3,800,000)	\$337,707	County Bond Funding
E-1036	Oakland Mills Middle School – Addition and Renovation	\$57,897,451	\$7,600,000	\$65,497,451	County Bond Funding

In addition to the Capital Budget Transfer, the funding strategy includes reallocating \$3,000,000 of anticipated FY 2027 funds from the E1058 project Applications and Research Lab (ARL) Maintenance, being used for the ARL Exterior Walls replacement project, to the OMMS project. The exterior walls project received advantageous public bids below the construction budget. The remaining \$516,799 will be requested as a future year request for the E1036 OMMS project.



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December 16, 2025

To: Brandee Ganz  
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Rafiu Ighile *ROI*  
Director of Finance

### Re: TAO No. 1 – FY2026 Funds Certification

I hereby certify that funds are unencumbered and available for transfer, as follows:

#### FROM:

**E1058** – Lime Kiln Middle School – HVAC replacement (Bonds) \$3,800,000

**E1058** – St. John's Lane Elementary School – HVAC replacement (Bonds) 3,800,000

#### TO:

**E1036** – Oakland Mills Middle School – Addition and Renovation (Bonds) \$7,600,000



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*SUBJECT – Transfer of Appropriation Ordinance No. 1*

December 16, 2025

To: Brandee Ganz  
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Rafiu O. Ighile *ROI*  
Director of Finance

The proposed Transfer of Appropriation Ordinance (TAO) transferring \$7,600,000 from capital project E1058 to capital project E1036, Oakland Mills Middle School – Addition and Renovation, addresses budgetary shortfalls due to higher than expected construction bids.

Fiscal Impact

The Department does not anticipate any fiscal impact in the current year as the proposed \$7,600,000 in GO Bond funding was previously approved during the FY2026 Capital Budget process. There is no additional request for funding.

Cc: Jennifer Sager  
Angela Price  
John Vu

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on February 5, 2026.

Michelle Harrod  
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council