



Board of Education of Howard County  
Meeting Agenda Item

**DATE:** January 29, 2026

**TITLE:** Transfer of Appropriations Ordinance – Faulkner Ridge Center Project

**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 Faulkner Ridge Center, capital project number E1060, 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 \$5,875,516 is required to remedy this budget shortfall.

The funding strategy includes a Capital Budget Transfer totaling \$3,500,000. The transfer moves funds from both the Guilford Park High School and Hammond High School Renovation and Addition projects. These projects are complete and finalizing the closeout process 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 – 2

The Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools have identified the need to add funds to the Faulkner Ridge Center project, capital project number E1060, 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 \$5,875,516 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 Guilford Park High School (New HS #13 - E1035) and Hammond HS Renovation and Addition (E1024), and additional local fund requests in Fiscal Year (FY) 2028. This transfer request reflects project funding previously allocated to the Guilford Park High School and Hammond High School projects which are both completed and finalizing the closeout processes.

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

- E1024 – Hammond High School – Renovation and Addition
- E1035 – New HS #13 – Guilford Park High School
- E1060 – Faulkner Ridge Center – Early Learning Center

A balance of unencumbered funds will remain in both the Guilford Park HS and Hammond HS projects to finalize the project closeouts and to fund the FY 2026 and FY 2027 Capital Overhead Allocation.

<b>Transfer</b>					
<b>Donor/Recipient Project #</b>	<b>Donor/Recipient Project Name</b>	<b>Unencumbered Project Balance</b>	<b>Transfer Amount</b>	<b>Remaining Unencumbered Project Balance</b>	<b>Revenue Type</b>
E-1024	Hammond HS – Renovation and Addition	\$2,340,568	(\$1,000,000)	\$1,340,568	County Bond Funding
E-1035	New HS #13 – Guilford Park HS	\$3,406,116	(\$2,500,000)	\$906,116	County Bond Funding
E-1060	Faulkner Ridge Center – Early Learning Center	\$19,645,890	\$3,500,000	\$23,145,890	County Bond Funding

In addition to the Capital Budget Transfer, the funding strategy includes requesting \$2,375,516 in the FY 2028 Capital Budget to fund the Faulkner Ridge Early Learning Center project.

During the design process, interest was identified to include an Add Alternate, for the expansion of the County’s Head Start program. The cost for this addition is not included in the funding strategy above. If the expansion of the County’s Head Start program at Faulkner Ridge is desired, an additional \$2,989,150 would be required.