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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

Transfer of Appropriation Ordinance

No. 2 - Fiscal Year 2026

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

Short title: Transferring \$3,500,000 to E1060 – Faulkner Ridge Center – Early Learning Center

Title: AN ACT transferring \$3,500,000 from various School System capital projects to Capital Project E1060 – Faulkner Ridge Center – Early Learning Center, in order to address a budget shortfall on that project.

Introduced and read first time April 4, 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 April 20, 2026.
By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on May 4, 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 5 day of May, 2026 at 5:00 a.m./p.m.
By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive May 7, 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 E1060 – Faulkner Ridge
10 Center – Early Learning Center (“E1060”), 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 have identified that funding is available from Capital Projects,
15 E1024, Hammond HS- Renovation and Addition, and E1035, New HS #13 – Guilford Park
16 HS; and

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

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21 ***Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that, subject***
22 *to the provisions of Maryland law, the Howard County Charter, and the Howard County*
23 *Code relating to budgetary and fiscal procedures, the amount hereafter specified is hereby*
24 *approved, appropriated, and authorized to be disbursed for the general County purposes*
25 *specified and in sums itemized for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June*
26 *30, 2026, as hereinafter indicated:*

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28 **Donor Projects:**

29 E1024 Hammond HS- Renovation and Addition

30 Appropriation before transfer	\$ 99,464,000	
31 Less amount transferred to E1060	<u>(\$1,000,000)</u>	(County Bonds)

1	Appropriation after transfer	\$98,464,000	
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3	E1035 New HS #13 – Guilford Park HS		
4	Appropriation before transfer	\$ 129,997,000	
5	Less amount transferred to E1060	<u>(\$2,500,000)</u>	(County Bonds)
6	Appropriation after transfer	\$ 127,497,000	

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8 **Recipient Project:**

9 E1060- Faulkner Ridge Center – Early Learning Center

10	Appropriation before transfer	\$ 23,056,000	
11	Plus amount transferred from E1024	\$1,000,000	(County Bonds)
12	Plus amount transferred from E1035	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	(County Bonds)
13	Appropriation after transfer	\$ 26,556,000	

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



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March 12, 2026

To: Brandee Ganz
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Rafiu Ighile 
Director of Finance

Re: TAO No. 2 – FY2026 Funds Certification

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

FROM:

E1024 – Hammond HS – Renovation and Addition (Bonds)	\$1,000,000
E1035 – New HS #13 – Guilford Park HS (Bonds)	2,500,000

TO:

E1060 – Faulkner Ridge Center – Early Learning Center (Bonds)	\$3,500,000
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**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.

Transfer					
Donor/Recipient Project #	Donor/Recipient Project Name	Unencumbered Project Balance	Transfer Amount	Remaining Unencumbered Project Balance	Revenue Type
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.

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on May 07, 2026.

Michelle R. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council