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HOWARD COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

August 3, 2016

Ms. Jennifer Sager
Howard County Legislative Coordinator
Howard County Government
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Ms. Sager:

As you are aware, the request for state funding of school construction projects must be approved annually by the County Council pursuant to Section 5-301 of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. This approval must take place by November 28, 2016.

To facilitate this approval, we follow a process which includes the public input and approval by the Board of Education. For the County Council to take action, the Planning Board must review the proposal to ensure General Plan conformance. Per your correspondence with Jennifer Bubenko of my staff, we agree to the following schedule:

September 16

Draft budget pages provided to you.

September 22

Board of Education approval of Superintendent's Capital Budget.

September 23 (before noon)

Provide you with spreadsheet pages for the Board's Capital Budget with copies to Lonnie R. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer.

September 23 (deadline 2:00pm)

Bill will be pre-filed with the County Council.

October 5 (7:00 p.m.)

Legislation is introduced at the County Council session.

October 6 or 20 (TBD)

Planning Board holds public hearing on the legislation. (HCPSS representative must be present.)

October 17 (7:00 p.m.)

County Council holds public hearing on the legislation. (HCPSS representative must be present.)

October 24 (4:30 p.m.)

County Council holds public work session. (HCPSS representative must be present.)

November 7 (7:00 p.m.)

County Council votes on resolution.

We understand that County Council approval at this stage is only preliminary approval. The Council will act on the County Executive's Capital Budget request for the Board in May of 2017.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions regarding the matter.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director, Budget and Finance
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