



November 18, 2019

Councilwoman Mercer-Rigby  
Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

RE: Testimony Statement

Council Resolution No. 145 – 2019 granting variance for government uses from the use setbacks and height requirements for the 13<sup>th</sup> high school and ancillary roads, parking, sports fields, fences and bleachers to be constructed on Property located along Mission Road in Jessup, Howard County, Md.

Ms. Mercer-Rigby:

The Office of School Construction of the Howard County Public School system is proposing to construct the 13<sup>th</sup> high school on property located along Mission Road in Jessup, Maryland. The high school will be the fourth iteration of our prototype design, previously constructed for Long Reach HS, Reservoir HS, and Marriotts Ridge HS. The facility is being designed for 1,658 students as a 3-story high school.

The property acquired by the County for the purposes of two schools, one high school and one elementary school, is 77.10 acres. The property includes four wetland areas and is to include a public road which will run from US Route 1 to Mission Rd. A portion of the site is within the R-12 Zoning District and a portion is within the R-SC-MXD-3 Zoning District. The high school, including site amenities fall within the R-SC-MXD-3 Zoning District, which require a 30-foot structure and use setback from rear property line and from minor collector road, and limits the height of a principal structure to 34-feet.

Due to the property limitations, the usable acreage is reduced to 58 acres and requires the request for a variance from both the use setback and height requirements. The reduction of the use setback of the 30-foot building restriction to 10-feet will allow for the construction of parking, fencing, and a reduction to 11-feet for the bleachers at the stadium. The increase of the height restrictions from 34-feet for the principal structure to 47-feet, 4-inches will allow the construction of the overall 3-story building, and an increase to 58-feet, 2.5-inches will allow for the construction of the front entrance stair tower.

Thank you for the opportunity to provided testimony to you on this request. I would be happy to address any questions you may have on this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel Lubeley", is written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Lubeley  
Acting Director  
Capital Planning and Construction

cc: Mr. Scott Washington

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AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORIZATION  
TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION

I, BRENT LOUELESS, have been duly authorized by  
*(name of individual)*

PTACHC to deliver testimony to the  
*(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)*

County Council regarding CR145-2019 to express the organization's  
*(bill or resolution number)*

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.  
*(Please circle one.)*

Printed Name: BRENT LOUELESS

Signature: Brent Loueless

Date: 11/18/2019

Organization: PTACHC

Organization Address: 5451 Beaverkill, Columbia MD

Number of Members: 25,000K

Name of Chair/President: BRENT LOUELESS

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