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Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 1:03 PM
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Subject: District 2 - school funding

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Subject: school funding

Message: Please support the funding for Talbott Springs elementary school. i have no children there now and am no longer in that neighborhood. But I know it's definitely time to make Talbott Spring a school all the teachers, parents and school children and be proud of.

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**PETITION TO HOWARD COUNTY EXECUTIVE
CALVIN BALL AND HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL**

As a Howard County resident-- and one of many people who either donate time and/or money to Grassroots and its Day Center on Guilford Road, or as someone in Howard County being helped by Grassroots-- I respectfully request that the County Executive and County Council ensure that there will sufficient designated funds in the FY2021 capital budget to provide night-time lighting for both the Day Center's adjunct hilltop parking lot (located between 10350 Guilford Rd/Salvation Army) and 10390 Guilford Road/ Leoloa Dorsey Center) and the path leading to/from the Dorsey building.

In my opinion, lighting should have been in place when the lot opened. During fall & winter months full lighting of both lot & pathway is critical to the safety and ongoing operation of the Center's volunteers, staff, and residents. Parking spaces next to the building are usually not available, and street parking on Guilford between the hill and blind curve is very, very dangerous.

Please ensure that funds for lighting are in the FY2021 County budget and that lights are installed before autumn 2020.

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From: Christopher Gran <christopher_gran@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 8:01 AM
To: BoE Email; Guy Senator Guzzone; vanessa.atterbeary@house.state.md.us; shane.pendergrass@house.state.md.us; Jen Delegate Terrasa; CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Subject: Include Talbott Springs ES and Hammond HS in capital budget

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Dear BOE Members; The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Vanessa Atterbeary, Shane Pendergrass, and Jen Terrasa; Council Members; and Mr. Calvin Ball:

I am writing to you to express my concern that a much-needed replacement for Talbott Springs Elementary School (TSES) and renovations/additions for Hammond High School (HaHS) may not be included in the capital budget for the Howard County Public School System for the upcoming year.

I have been a Howard County resident for over 15 years now, and I have two children, a daughter in middle school and a son in elementary school. We moved this summer to another residence within the county; if we had stayed at our original residence, my son would be attending TSES now.

I understand that on December 12, 2019, the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) met to hear testimony from each school district and to discuss the IAC funding recommendations. Although a recommended funding allocation was provided for the new high school HS13, no funding recommendations were provided for the TSES replacement or the HaHS renovations/additions. This is a very disappointing development.

The issues taking place at these schools simply cannot be put off any longer -- there are people who are literally getting sick at these schools. Multiple IEQ (Indoor Environmental Quality) reports have been filed due to the presence of mold at TSES. Also, I know that some students are using buckets at HaHS to wash off lab equipment because there are no sinks available. We are supposedly a wealthy county, yet we have schools that are in this condition? And the state of Maryland doesn't think these conditions aren't important enough to be rectified?

I still remember the day I heard that TSES was going to get a replacement school. My family and I were at a choral concert for TSES that was held at Oakland Mills High School; I believe this was during the winter of 2017-2018 when Mr. Calvin Ball was a county council member. During the concert, the principal of TSES came up to the microphone and said she just learned that TSES was going to get a replacement school. She then thanked Mr. Ball for his efforts on the County Council to make this a priority. Mr. Ball was in the audience, sitting about 15 feet to my left, and he had a big smile on his face, as did I.

Mr. Ball: I think a lot of people in that auditorium voted for you as County Executive because of what happened that night. You know, as well as anyone, why TSES needs a replacement school as soon as possible. I also call upon Mr. Guzzone as our State Senator, and Ms. Atterbeary, Mr. Pendergrass, and Ms. Terrasa as our State Delegates, to use your influence to make the TSES replacement and HaHS renovations/additions a priority for funding at the state level.

Sincerely,

Christopher Gran
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From: Amy Grutzik <agrutzik@gmail.com>
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Subject: Testimony to County Council
Attachments: Testimony to County Council 12.15.19.pdf

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Attached is my testimony.

Amy Grutzik

Dear County Council Members,

First, I would like to thank you for the funding that was allocated for HCPSS to invest in much needed bus routing software. The HCPSS department of transportation has posted a Request for Proposal for bids on bus routing software. The bids are due in on December 17, 2019. My understanding is the analysis of the bids will be presented to the BOE sometime in January.

The reason for my testimony is to request that the County Council partner with the BOE and the Superintendent to achieve HEALTHY school hours for our Howard County Public School System adolescents. There's no denying that restoring traditional school start times, as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Association, and the Centers for Disease Control, is a solution with **immediate** benefits for children of all backgrounds and income levels.

On September 5th the Superintendent presented his Strategic Call to Action Update Report to the BOE. The meeting stressed that the purpose of the action is to close the achievement gap. Dr. Walker stated that "in Howard County attendance is a huge factor for drop outs." Graduation rates are going down in Howard County and a work group has been assembled to do a root cause analysis of why graduation rates are decreasing. A BOE member stated that if a student has one suspension they are likely to drop out.

Some of the benefits of changing to age appropriate school hours are:

- Less anxiety, depression, suicide (over 60 studies have linked poor sleep and suicide)
- Decreased risk-taking, drug use, and riskier sexual activities
- Decreased school violence and bullying
- Higher academic performance, decreased grade failure

The money spent on work groups, additional social workers, and other intervention programs could be repurposed and spent on getting healthier school hours for these students. This is a win-win for everyone.

The BOE sets policy as to what they determine appropriate class sizes should be. Their decision is not driven by how much the funding is for this policy, but by studies of the benefits of smaller class sizes.

Just last month, the BOE made a decision that rising 12th, 11th, 8th and 5th graders that were redistricted for 2020/21 school year can choose to stay at their current schools. In addition, the school system will provide bus service for these students. The BOE recognized the issues that these particular students would have with being moved to a new school. The result of this decision will entail "double busing" of students from same neighborhoods. This double busing will continue for 2 years since the rising 11th graders would also remain for their 12 grade year.

Changing school start times to healthier age appropriate times should also be based on the known science and proven substantial benefits.

The school system will soon have the new bus routing software which will enable the Department of Transportation to run bell time scenarios. Data is continually being collected by the school system so they would not have to start from scratch. As stated above, the next school year will have additional buses for students who choose to stay at their current school. With the school system already having additional buses, they could continue to use those buses going forward with the changing of school hours. This will help mitigate additional transportation costs.

Please make a commitment to make age appropriate school hours a priority. Let the BOE know that they have your support and should direct the Superintendent to begin working on bell time scenarios, community education, and assemble workgroups that encompass all stakeholders including naysayers. I believe you are the Council that can make this happen for our students and community. Let's get healthy school hours implemented for school year 2021/22.

Amy Grutzik, District 5

10 Ways Later MIDDLE and HIGH SCHOOL Start Times Benefit Teens and the Community

1. Healthy School Hours Reduce the Achievement Gap "[D]elaying school start times by one hour, from roughly 7:30 to 8:30, increases standardized test scores by at least 2 percentile points in math and 1 percentile point in reading. The effect is largest for students with below-average test scores, suggesting that later start times would narrow gaps in student achievement."

2. Healthy School Hours Lower Juvenile Crime Rates Juvenile Crime peaks nationwide at 3 p.m., a time that's between the end of school and when parents get home. Police support limiting unsupervised situations at this crucial time. Also, sleep deprived teens are more likely to commit crime due to low self-control. The Maryland Department of Juvenile Services supports later start and release times.

3. Healthy School Hours Help Prevent Car Crashes Drowsy driving is responsible for a significant number of fatal teen crashes. School districts with later morning start times see the teen crash rates decline.

4. Healthy School Hours Reduce Drop-Out Rates School attendance improves, tardiness decreases and graduation rates increase, which helps raise tax revenues and reduce crime and gang activity. When comparing attendance and graduation rates before and after the schools implemented a delayed starting time, the average graduation rate jumped from 79% to 88%, and the average attendance rate went from 90% to 94%.

5. Healthy School Hours Improve Health

Sleep loss has wide-ranging consequences, including obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and hypertension. Sleep deprivation reduces the immune system. With later, healthier school start times, teens experience fewer sports injuries and miss fewer days of school due to illness.

6. Healthy School Hours Are Better for Mental Health Inadequate sleep is linked to depressed mood, anxiety, behavioral problems, alcohol and drug use, risky behaviors and suicidal thoughts.

The Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2016 (YRBS) shows that 16.2% of Howard County high school students seriously considered suicide and 13.8% made a plan to do so. When able to sleep more:

- Teen attitudes and behavior improve
- Teens report less depression
- Teenage needs for medication decreases

A cost-benefit analysis prepared for Fairfax County, Virginia, estimates that later start times could save the community \$1.7 million a year in mental health treatment costs.

7. Healthy School Hours Help Prevent Substance Abuse Increased and adequate sleep decreases risk taking behaviors such alcohol and drug use.

8. Healthy School Hours Make Streets Safer

With early school start times, many students who are eligible for school bus service opt out and instead drive to school (or are driven by family members), which leads to more cars on the road during morning rush hours. In addition, children walking to schools and bus stops in the predawn darkness are a serious safety risk for both pedestrians and drivers.

9. Healthy School Hours Are Family-Friendly

A year after the city of Minneapolis implemented later start times, students were getting an hour more of sleep per school night, 92 percent of parents were happy with the change, and parents reported improved relationships with their children.

10. Healthy School Hours Benefit the Economy

The potential costs of schools starting after 8:30 a.m. can be recouped in as little as 2-3 years, based on improved academic outcomes (thus increased lifetime earnings) and a reduction in teen drowsy driving accidents.

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From: Chao Wu <Chao_Wu@hcpss.org>
Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2019 11:27 AM
To: guy.guzzone@senate.state.md.us; Atterbeary, Vanessa Delegate; Clarence Lam; lt.governor@maryland.gov; katiefry.hester@senate.state.md.us; Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail; contact@maryland.gov
Subject: Please support Howard County School Capital Project

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Dear Elected State Officials,

Howard County is in dire need of capital project funding from the state and the county to help relieve overcrowding, fix long-existing renovation, build High School 13, renovate Hammond High School and rebuild Talbott Spring Elementary School.

HCPSS is probably the fastest growing school system in Maryland and our capital projects are lacking behind. The state capital funding formula is not favorable to us without proper consideration of this student growth factor. The split of 45(Count)/55(state) funding mechanism also puts Howard County in a strain in terms of capital project in the past.

Please help to fully fund 2021 Howard County Public School System capital projects.

Thank you.

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Dr. Chao Wu
Board Member of Howard County Board of Education

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks <Kathleen_Hanks@hcpss.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 10:54 AM
To: Erica Bentley; BoE Email; Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail; superintendent@hcpss.org
Cc: Scott Washington; Daniel Lubeley
Subject: RE: [External] Hammond High School Renovations.

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Kind regards,

Kathy Hanks
Administrator
Board of Education
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From: Erica Bentley <ericabentleyrn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 12:22 PM
To: BoE Email <boe@hcpss.org>; calvinball@howardcountymd.gov; councilmail@howardcountymd.gov; Superintendent <superintendent@hcpss.org>
Subject: [External] Hammond High School Renovations.

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Dr. Martirano, Board of Education members, County Council members,

I am writing regarding a critical concern for not funding the renovations for Hammond HS and Talbot Spring ES, and letting you know this is no longer unacceptable for the students and families in these communities. The funding and renovations must stay on track as previously budgeted. You have neglected these schools for way too long.

I will ask each and everyone of you- what if this was your child? Would you accept this? I would not. I watched Mr Youngman ask on the Dec 10th meeting WHY renovations were needed. Do our representatives even read our submissions or the facilities reports?

I know you have been informed many times about deficiencies at HaHS. These are known and oft discussed. Mice in the classrooms, water contamination, only portable toilets available to the numerous outdoor portable classrooms, over capacity, science rooms too small to allow the entire class complete experiments at the same time, power fuses that blow with 2 cords plugged in.... the list goes on. HOW is this acceptable for any child, let alone a community with the reputation held by Howard County.

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The southeast region of Howard County has been pushed aside for far too long. Will YOU be the people that pass on doing what is greatly needed, or will YOU be the people that will make HaHS and TSES a top priority? Will you continue to ignore the needs of these schools- needs that you are well aware of. Will you continue to keep HaHS a school that cannot accommodate people with mobility needs and different abilities? For the safety of these communities, I hope you will no longer ignore the issues these schools encounter.

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Subject: RE: [External] Capital projects funding

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As the Board is well aware of, Talbott Springs Elementary and Hammond High are in desperate need of rebuild and renovation. I urge the county council to address the issue and provide the necessary capital funding for these projects.

Sincerely,

Anna Nemirovsky
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From: Brian Edwards <brianledwards@gmail.com>
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Subject: Please fund Hammond High and Talbots Springs

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With the increase in taxes and large increase in the number of tax payers in this county, there is no excuse to not fund the schools. School capacities should grow with development but it hasn't happened because developers have had such a great deal. Please find a way to fund these two school improvement projects and prevent future harmful mass moves of students.

Respectfully

Brian Edwards

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To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; CouncilMail
Subject: Please Fund Hammond High's Renovation!

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Dear Council Members,

Please fight for our students! Please help us! I am asking you to keep the Hammond High in the capital budget for FY 2021. Hammond has dire needs, of which you are well aware, if you are not aware, If attached report from April 2008 that addresses these issues. Yes 2008. Its now 2019. Will you help?

Hammond has already suffered by having this projects delayed. If you believe that issues need to be addressed, then you must keep them in the budget. If removed from the budget, you remove any possibility of funding the projects. Tax payers have already footed the bill for the planning and testing at both sites. Are you willing to throw that money away?

Our students deserve better. Will you fight for them? Will you lead? What message does it send to our students our families, and our community if you ignore and pass on the needs of our schools!

There is much talk about equity in the county. Hammond, and Talbot springs for that matter, are not asking for equity, we are not asking for anything special. We simply want our students to have the same facilities that every other school provides. In one of the wealthiest counties in the nation are you really going to delay, again, the improvements at two majority minority schools, which are well above the county average for students receiving free and reduced meals?

How many generations of students will go through these schools before you fix them? Is it ok for these students to have facilities that are so lacking? What are you saying about how you value our students? Don't all students deserve a safe school, free of mold, vermin, with potable drinking water and facilities comparable to other schools in the county?

I urge you to keep these projects in the budget and fully funded.

I urge you to do the right thing for our students. They are counting on you. Thank you for your time and your service to this county.

Sincerely,
Alexander Livieratos

April 2008.
<https://www.boarddocs.com/.../Hammond%20HS%20Fac%20Assess...>

The primary building program deficiencies at Hammond High School:

- The Special Education program is significantly undersized by -3,279 sf (63.4%) and is missing 3 classrooms, speech-language therapy room, OT/PT area, storage and a conference room.
 - The Gifted & Talented is significantly undersized by -530 sf (58.2%). It has been located in a converted support space from the media center
 - The physical education program is undersized by -5,336 sf (17.9%).
 - There is no auxiliary gym and the weight room is undersized; bleachers and sound system in gym needs to be replaced; locker rooms and team rooms need to be upgraded; storage is inadequate.
 - The lack of a second gym means our teams have to share a single gym and that means shorter practices. Hammonds are only 90 minutes while every other school can have a 2 hour practice. Over the course of the season, our student athletes lose a full 2 weeks of practice!!! The lack of equity affects our students wanting scholarships.
 - The English language arts program is undersized by -1,269 sf (10.4%). The average classroom size is 742 sf. They are missing two seminar rooms.
 - The foreign language/ESOL program is undersized by -388 sf (7.6%), does not have a technical resource room.
 - The social studies program is undersized by -616 sf (6.0%), but storage is inadequate and they are missing a seminar room and the technical resource room is undersized.
 - There are no permanent restrooms outside (must use portable toilets).
 - Ed. specifically calls for 2 multi-purpose play fields and 2 football practice fields. Currently there are only 1.5 fields to serve both of these functions.
 - There is an exterior basketball courts area, but it does not provide the 4 full size courts called out in the ed. spec.
 - There is one baseball field in very good condition. A second baseball field is missing.
 - There is one softball field versus the 3 programmed in the ed. spec.
 - No fitness path running around the perimeter of the site.
 - Administration is undersized by only -152 sf (4.7%).
 - Ninth grade assistant principal is located with the 9th grade cluster, but needs an administrative assistant.
 - There is no administration conference room.
 - A security vestibule should be provided with control by the administration reception area. Guidance is undersized by -1,123 sf (34.2%) and is missing two offices. Student records storage is inadequate and Career Center is too small.
 - Nurse/health suite is undersized by -152 sf (17.3%)
 - The staff lounge is undersized by -564 sf (45.1%); there is no dedicated faculty lounge (use faculty dining).
 - Student organization rooms are deficient by -401 sf (64.2%), missing a student organization room and storage.
 - The student support center is undersized by -336 sf (42.5%). -There is no Maryland Tomorrow office or a contract room. There is no professional development school's office & seminar room (-750 sf).
 - The art suite is undersized by -751 sf (14.6%). There are no windows to provide natural light into the art studios. The dark room is located in the media center.
 - The music education program is undersized by -1,428 sf (23.2%). The band room is undersized. There is no piano lab, or ensemble/music library. Storage for music is very inadequate
 - The science program is undersized by -863 sf (5.2%). This school has one additional general science classroom (no lab equipment). There is no greenhouse or seminar room and support spaces are undersized.
 - The tech. ed. program has adequate space, but one lab area is currently used for a combination of art and CR&D. Equipment and program needs to be updated to meet current state requirements.
 - Hammond High School is located on a site of 33.14 acres. The minimal recommended high school site size is 30 acres plus 1 acre for each 100 students. To meet the current ed. spec. site requirements, however, it is estimated that an additional 20 acres would be required.
 - There is dedicated parking for only 233 cars, 287 less than programmed. They do have a bus training area that cannot be used in the mornings when training is generally taught, but can be used at other times and during evening events.
- The extensive report is 11 years old and some items have been addressed. Most important is that the "homemade" sprinklers have been replaced.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Anna Nemirovsky <snemir@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 9:55 AM
To: BOE@hcpss.org; CouncilMail
Subject: Capital projects funding

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As the Board is well aware of, Talbott Springs Elementary and Hammond High are in desperate need of rebuild and renovation. I urge the county council to address the issue and provide the necessary capital funding for these projects.

Sincerely,

Anna Nemirovsky
Polygon 159

Sayers, Margery

From: mbwaak@verizon.net
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 9:36 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Subject: Hammond High School

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I am once again writing to support the inclusion of Hammond High School and Talbott Springs Elementary School in next year's capital budget. Both of our school buildings have serious deficiencies and we both have been put off for far too long.

I am more familiar with Hammond since my children are both recent Hammond graduates. They are proud to be Golden Bears, but it is heartbreaking to hear the students joke about their school.

- There are frequent blackouts because the electricity does not function properly. If too many things are plugged in at the same time, it will trip a breaker and cause a blackout.
- The phone lines to the school often don't work in bad weather.
- There is insufficient science lab space and not all of the science labs have sinks.
- I've followed my child's IEP team around the school trying to find a room available to hold an IEP meeting since the special ed conference room was already in use.
- There is mold in the building.
- There is rusty water coming out of the pipes right next to the eye wash station.
- Students in wheelchairs have trouble getting into the building because the doorways are too narrow and the threshold is too high.
- Students in wheelchairs have to go to the health room to use a bathroom because too many bathrooms are not wheelchair accessible.
- Athletes practice in the hallways because we are the only high school with only one gym.
- We do not have outdoor bathrooms in our stadium.
- We have water fountains that test positive for lead.
- We have legionella in our cooling tower.
- We have mice and roaches in the building. I saw students from another school laughing about it and taking videos of the mice when they were at Hammond for a game.
- In our auditorium we need to choose between turning on the HVAC and hearing our performers.

We are a school that has a student body that is almost twice the county average of free and reduced lunch. Our students know that their facility is inferior and it makes them feel like second class citizens. It is time for the county to put their money where their mouth is and show our students that they aren't second class citizens and deserve a safe and healthy building like everyone else has.

Mary Beth Waak
Columbia, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Claire Femiano <cfemiano@fastmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 4:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support project #CO335- new East Columbia 50+Center funding

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Hi
From: Claire Femiano <cfemiano@fastmail.com>
To: council@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Support new East Columbia 50+Center
Date: Monday, December 09, 2019 2:28 PM

Dear Council Member,

Here is a copy of my online testimony urging funding for project #CO 335- full funding for a new stand alone 50+ Center in East Columbia. I hope that you will press County Executive Ball to put this much needed project in the FY2021 capital budget.

Thank you.

Claire Femiano

County Executive Ball,

I urge you to fully fund #CO 335 in the FY2021 capital budget, to build a new standalone 50+Center in East Columbia. When my husband and I retired and downsized we decided to remain in Howard County despite the high costs of living here because of the many services and facilities available to seniors.

The senior population is growing and the need for a larger center in East Columbia is great. Funding the new center would show a concrete commitment to the seniors in our community by our local government.

My husband and I own a house and pay taxes yet we require fewer services than our younger neighbors with school aged children who need sports and recreational facilities as well as schools. I volunteer for several local organizations. Seniors are a valuable resource for our county- socio-economically as well as financially.

The East Columbia Center has provided activities for all citizens- not just seniors. They have co- sponsored programs for children, artists, gardeners and people in poverty. If the facility was larger, they could serve so many more Howard County residents.

Please fully fund project #CO 335 in the FY2021 capital budget and build the new standalone East Columbia 50+ Center. It will only cost more money if you delay. Seniors like myself have waited a long time for that center to be built; the time to do it is now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Claire Femiano
cfemiano@fastmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: proctorpac@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 12:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Renovate Hammond

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Dear Council members,

I was able to watch the meeting this morning between hcps and Council. I'm feeling discouraged. I feel like our school system was not advocating for us. In fact it felt like they were discouraging you from providing funding for our Very Very overdue renovation. Hammond must be invested in. It is a lot of money, I'm aware of that, but my children deserve it. It is unacceptable the condition of this school, it cannot be pushed off any further. We have been pushed back for over 10 years. things are getting worse and more expensive to fix. Also delaying this project only digs the capacity hole deeper, and pushes back other school projects. Please make funding available for Hammond

I'm including the letter I wrote to the BOE, superintendent, and County executive as I hope it will help. I was very encouraged by the response from Dr. Ball. He sent the letter that Dr Jones shared at the meeting. It seemed to me he was very supportive of the renovations and confident in funding.

I'm asking you to please leave Hammond High School renovation in the Budget. I'm pleading with you. I know you have many hard decisions to make regarding budget but Hammond Has to be a priority. It must be a priority for the school system and the county. As Columbia ages, if you do not invest in the schools, neither will new families. It is unfathomable to me that this school has been left behind. For 10+ years. Schools in much better condition have been prioritized. How many children have entered and exited the school year after year in inequitable conditions. What about staff? Is it fair to them to work/coach in a school in such terrible conditions while also managing the high need in the school.

Equity has been a hot topic in this county. It has different meaning to different people. To me the equity I expect the school system to provide my child is in safety and condition of buildings, quality staff, and equal opportunity to programs/classes throughout ALL schools in the county. All schools in this county are not Equal in these regards. We are building a \$140 Million dollar school, which seems excessive to me, but you are asking families to invest in a school with rats, unsafe brown water, disgusting facilities, little sunlight, unsecure stadium, no aux gym, no sinks in science labs, not enough gas lines for all students to complete lab work in a timely manner ect. There is no equity in that! Do you really expect people to invest in a school in this condition if they have the means to chose another. It is not unreasonable for all of the children in our county to have clean WATER and a safe school, no matter how affluent the population who attends them.

My family has invested everything we have into our home, We chose to invest in Columbia and in Hammond, I'm begging you to do the same.
Renovate Hammond.

Christina Proctor
District 3, Mom, Tax payer, CA assessment payer

Sayers, Margery

From: Leigh Roberts <lar@brventures.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 8, 2019 11:43 PM
To: CouncilMail; tellhoco; Rigby, Christiana
Subject: fund school renovations

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Dear Mr. Ball and County Council Members,

I am writing to implore you to keep school renovations for Hammond HS and Talbott Springs ES in the budget for FY21. The children and the faculty and staff of these schools deserve equity in the facilities in which to teach and learn. This project has been delayed many times and should NOT be removed from the budget. As you are aware, the facilities at these school have mold, lead in the water, rodents, undersized spaces and many other inadequate facilities. The plans for renovations for Hammond HS have already been developed. Please follow through on your promise to update Hammond HS and Talbott Springs ES.

One idea is to move students from Hammond HS to HS #13 and renovate Hammond HS when it is empty. There is precedent for this in the county and it would cost much less money as well as be completed faster if the work is done while the school is empty.

Furthermore, on a similar but different note, what is the plan for expanding elementary and middle schools? Every school in this county that I have seen has portables located on their campus due to overcrowding. How is this safe for our students? In the awful event of an active shooter, which the student practice drills for, and is all too frequently on the news, you could not guarantee the safety of students who are not inside of buildings. You have installed guarded access to the front of buildings, but there is no protection for students who must walk outside to change classes. This is unacceptable and puts ALL of our students at risk.

Please keep school renovation projects in the budget and help make our schools better and safer for ALL students.

Thank you, Leigh Roberts

Sayers, Margery

From: Kathleen V. Hanks <Kathleen_Hanks@hcpss.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 6:14 PM
To: Katie Schneider; CouncilMail; BoE Email; superintendent@hcpss.org
Cc: Scott Washington; Daniel Lubeley
Subject: RE: [External] Funding for Hammond High School and Talbot Spring ES

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Good Evening:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education regarding the Superintendent's Proposed FY 2021 Capital Budget. Your email will be saved as written testimony for the public hearing process. Please note that written testimony is part of the public record maintained by the Board Office and is uploaded online to BoardDocs as part of the public hearing.

This is the beginning of the process for the Capital Budget, and the final budget will be approved in the spring. However, during the approval of the Capital Improvement Program on September 19, 2019, the school system staff stated the Board would need to make a decision in the beginning of December prior to moving Hammond HS and Talbot Springs ES into the construction phase, which will take place during tomorrow's Board meeting.

Once again, thank you for contacting the Board and providing valuable input.

Kind regards,

Kathy Hanks
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Board of Education
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From: Katie Schneider <pulver222@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 2:05 PM
To: councilmail@howardcountymd.gov; BoE Email <boe@hcpss.org>; Superintendent <superintendent@hcpss.org>
Subject: [External] Funding for Hammond High School and Talbot Spring ES

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Dr. Martirano, Board of Education members, County Council members,

I am writing regarding the hot topic of not funding the renovations for Hammond HS and Talbot Spring ES, and letting you know this is no longer unacceptable for the students and families in these communities. The funding and renovations must stay on track as previously budgeted. You have neglected these schools for way too long.

I want to specifically address issues at Hammond HS, as we now have a 9th grader attending HaHS, and I am not familiar with TSES. Participating in parent-teacher conferences was an eye opening experience, and one that I am appalled with what we encountered within the confines of the school. HaHS is nowhere close to being ADA compliant, and that is gross negligence for the students in attendance. Our older son (who attends Cedar Lane School) uses a wheelchair. Are you aware that the doors to the restrooms are not wide enough for a wheelchair to fit through? Can you imagine having to use the restroom, but not being able to access the toilet? And if you could get through the door, there are not appropriate stalls to use within the restroom. I am not certain of the number of HaHS students or staff that require assistance with mobility, but I do know there are a few. I'm not sure how HaHS accommodates these students. How do you plan to accommodate these students, staff and family members? I will ask each and everyone of you- what if this was your child? Would you accept this? I know I would not.

I know you have been informed many times about other issues at HaHS; mice in the classrooms (we saw 2 while we were there), water contamination, over capacity, science rooms too small to allow the entire class complete experiments at the same time, power fuses that blow with 2 cords plugged in.... the list goes on.

The southeast region of Howard County has been pushed aside for far too long. Will YOU be the people that pass on doing what is greatly needed, or will YOU be the people that will make HaHS and TSES a top priority? Will you continue to ignore the needs of these schools- needs that you are well aware of. Will you continue to keep HaHS a school that cannot accommodate people with mobility needs and different abilities? For the safety of these communities, I hope you will no longer ignore the issues these schools encounter.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Schneider