

CB 34-2021

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**From:** Yost <david.yost@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2021 1:58 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel  
**Cc:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Keep the Housing Trust Fund fully funded

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Good evening, Mr. Jones and the rest of the Howard County Council  
Please support the complete funding of the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund, and request no amendments to the budget funding for the new Central Library & Banneker Fire Station which are slated to have a couple of hundred units of affordable units for low-income households.

This fund is essential for supporting equitable, dispersed, and affordable housing opportunities across the county. This fund is essential in supporting housing access to ALL Howard County residents, including the most vulnerable.

-Yost (They/Them)  
A resident of Howard Square in Elkridge, MD  
<https://linktr.ee/mxyost>

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**From:** allison korn <allisonkorn@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 9:19 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Henrietta Milward; NELSON Pollack; fflopresti@gmail.com; Claire Femiano; Pearl Atkinson Stewart; Allison Korn  
**Subject:** Thank your for funding the East Columbia 50+ Center project

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To County Council Members:

We want to thank you for passing the *County Operating and Capital Budgets* which includes full funding to replace the East Columbia 50+ Center. We are grateful that you listened to our letters and testimony and were persuaded that the new Center is needed and recognize that it will be a vital improvement over the current Center. On behalf of our members and many other seniors from all over the County, thank you for approving the construction budget.

Sincerely,

East Columbia 50+ Center Steering Committee

Pearl Atkinson-Stewart, Claire Femiano, Allison Korn, Fran LoPresti, Henrietta Milward, Nelson Pollack

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**From:** Cathy Datz <cathydatz@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 26, 2021 11:14 AM  
**To:** Kathleen\_Hanks@hcpss.org; Kathleen V. Hanks; BoE Email; BallBulletin; CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin B; Michael Martirano; Hira, Safa  
**Cc:** Theo Cramer  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Important time sensitive Requests for retiring HCPSS Teacher

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Good morning,

The PTA will happily pay for any dedication plaques or signs if we are able to name the Gym in her honor (38 years a 1 school is something I don't think anyone has ever achieved). There is a general car parade on 6/11 from 1-2 and a private party on 6/10. If anyone would like to attend the party, which all the staff and her family will be at) to give her any dedications, proclamations, or gift please contact me directly.

If anyone wishes to send a card that will be added to her memory book please send or drop off to

Cathy Datz - pta  
15901 Frederick Rd  
Woodbine, 21797.

I greatly appreciate the help especially with the short notice.

Thank you  
Cathy Datz

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Tue, May 25, 2021 at 1:59 PM, Kathleen V. Hanks <Kathleen\_Hanks@hcpss.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Datz:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education and the Office of the Superintendent. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your question to Dr. Theo Cramer, Community Superintendent. He or his designee will contact you. Once again, thank you for your email.

Kind regards,

Kathy Hanks

Administrator

Board of Education of Howard County

Phone: 410-313-7194

Email: khanks@hcpss.org

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**From:** Cathy Datz <cathydatz@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 11:14 AM

**To:** BoE Email <boe@hcpss.org>; Howard County Executive Calvin Ball <ballbulletin@howardcountymd.gov>; councilmail@howardcountymd.gov; Councilmember Calvin Ball <cball@howardcountymd.gov>; Michael Martirano <Michael\_Martirano@hcpss.org>; Safa Hira <shira@howardcountymd.gov>

**Subject:** [External] Important time sensitive Requests for retiring HCPSS Teacher

**! CAUTION: This email originated from outside of HCPSS. Do not click links or open attachments, unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Members of the BOE and Dr. M and Dr. Ball

I am reaching out to ask for your assistance for an incredibly special retirement. Mary McCoy has been the PE teacher for Lisbon Elementary for 38 years. That is right 38 of her 39 years has been at Lisbon. She has taught almost 3 generations and many children of students she had over the years. I have had my children in HCPSS for 22 of the 24 years I have lived in Lisbon and I have been honored to have her teach all three of them. I am the PTA president, and I oversee the making/getting the retirement gifts from the parents and community. I need some help; I am very happy to the work once I have the information.

1. How would be go about have the Lisbon ES Gym dedicated and named after her Mary McCoy? I reached out to Vicky however I know she is remarkably busy. We would like this to happen by June 11<sup>th</sup> (her Retirement Parade). I do not know the procedure but hoping with a BOE meeting on 5/27/21 it could be "voted" if a necessary step. The PTA would pay for any signage or letters just send us the bill. We are trying to surprise our Lisbon Admin and Staff also but I will tell them before hand if you would like us to.

2. We are making a sign that has the Date Lisbon was opened, the total number of Students from 1983 to 2021, the total number of teachers in those years, the total number of Principals/VP in those years, the number of Field days held at LES, total renovations/upgrades since 1983. This would be added to the final line of PE teachers... 1. We can add number of BOE, CE, and Superintendents if you would like us too. If you can point me in the direction of where to find these numbers, I will do the Math and work, I just need the info.

3. We have Guest books at The Grill at Lisbon located in Lisbon where the community and past and present students can add pictures, notes, memories, I am hoping that all members of the BOE, Superintendent, the County Executive, the County Council would be willing to add a note or card to it. If you are unable to get to Lisbon by 6/11, please send it to me at Cathy Datz PO Box 13, Lisbon 21765.

4. The parade is 6/11 from 1-2 pm if any of you would like to show this amazing and dedicated teacher how much she means to Howard County (she is a HoCo resident too) and HCPSS please attend the car parade. If we can give her the Gym dedicated at that time that would be AMAZING, then all her "children" can be a part of it.

5. We would like to make a special timeline for her, but we need Gym flooring. Mrs. McCoy worked hard to get the gym floor for Lisbon, and it looks the same as the day installed. She has protected that floor, my children (ages 31, 22, and 9 all remember the rules of Mrs. McCoy's floor). We are hoping that one of the floors being renovated or removed we can have a few pieces to paint the timeline of events on it (and she has been through a lot)

I realize this is a short notice, but I know together we can do this and send this dedicated PE teacher into retirement with honors and love. Please contact me by email or phone anytime. Please let me know how we can have this happen. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

Cathy Datz

Lisbon PTA President

Lisbon Parent

22-year HCPSS parent

28 year Howard County Resident

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**From:** kiju <ms.kiju@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 26, 2021 6:43 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB34 Amendment 8

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Dear all,

Please vote yes to send 5M to HCPSS. Education is the key to meaningful social mobility, not housing subsidies. The latter will inflate the price of housing. Further, a quick look on Zillow shows that affordable housing is plentiful in Columbia.

Kind regards,  
Julie Kim

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**From:** Meghan Leimenstoll <meghanleimenstoll@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 26, 2021 12:02 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** FUND HCPSS

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Hi-

My name is Meghan Leimenstoll. I am a Northfield Elementary parent and the incoming PTA president at our school. I have a Kindergartner and Third Grader, and it is troubling to think we're writing these emails for the third year in a row. As you head into tomorrow's meeting to vote on the county budget, please, please, please hear my request to adequately fund the educational obligations and standards of the Howard County Public School System. After the nightmare the country has gone through during the COVID-19 pandemic, our children need to return to a school system that is prepared to help close the gap that this year has created educationally. We need a fully whole budget that can support our administrators, teachers and para-educators with this challenge ahead.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Meghan Leimenstoll

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**To: The Howard County Council**

**Date: May 25, 2021**

**Subject: Protect Affordable Housing in Howard County; Stop the Slush Fund**

We, the undersigned, support the budget amendments proposed by Council Members to place legal guardrails on the so-called housing trust fund proposed by the County Executive. The existing structure of the trust fund is ripe for misappropriation and abuse as a Slush Fund for Howard Hughes Corporation and other wealthy corporations.

We urge all Council Members to support any one of the following proposed amendments in the alternative as ways to safeguard the County's funds against misappropriation:

*In summary, the amendments would; a) move the funds to a contingency reserve; or b) move some of the money to contingency reserve while shifting the rest to the school system; or c) shift the entire amount to the school system.*

- Amendment 5 to CB34-2021: (This Amendment moves \$5 million from Housing and Community Renewal – Housing Opportunity Trust Fund to \$2.5 million Contingency Reserve and \$2.5 million HCPSS Fixed Charges for the Health Fund.)
- Amendment 6 to CB34-2021: (This Amendment transfers \$5,000,000 from the Community Renewal Program Fund to the General Fund Contingency Reserve.)
- Amendment 7 to CB34-2021: (This amendment moves \$4,060,000 from Community Renewal Fund to General Fund Contingency Reserve.)
- Amendment 8 to CB34-2021: (This Amendment moves \$5 million from Housing and Community Development, Housing Opportunity Fund, to Project E1044 School System, PAYGO Funding.)

At the time when Howard County's affordable housing needs are at an historic peak and at a time when eviction rates are expected to skyrocket, we are appalled that the County contemplates diverting much needed funds into a potential Slush Fund for developers.

The Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development demonstrated these guardrails do not exist when, at a recent County Council work session, she was asked to describe how the County plans to use this fund and she was not able to provide any details except to point to the recently completed Housing Opportunities Task Force, which does not address the spending plan of this Slush Fund.

We are concerned the County will use this fund to facilitate further developer giveaways rather than address the true needs of our residents. For instance, proposed allowed uses by the Housing Opportunities Task Force include payment of MIHU fees-in-lieu and direct funding of specific developments.



Other counties have used tools such as land trusts to create permanent supply of affordable housing integrated into its communities. Land trusts enable the County to purchase land and spread out affordable housing at regional levels to support various income levels. Other strategies include structured voucher programs and foreclosure assistance to assist tenants and homeowners in the looming deluge of evictions and foreclosures.

Howard County should commit its funds to strategies which, like land trusts, directly address the County's need, rather than increase the profit margins of private developers. To date, the County or Housing Commission have not shared any meaningful plans that ensure that affordable housing is developed in areas that do not further segregate communities, with reliable mass transit and safe walking paths.

In the meantime, the contingency reserves proposed by the amendments will ensure that County Administration returns to the County Council with an appropriate spending plan.

**Signatories:**

- Chinese American Political Association (CAPA) PAC
- Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA)
- Our Revolution Howard County
- Progressive Democrats of Howard County (PDHC)
- The People's Voice (TPV)

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**From:** Ellen J McDaniel <ejm249@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 1:42 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Housing Trust Fund

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Dear Council,

Please support full funding for the Housing Trust Fund as has been done in the past. Our seniors, people with disabilities, and working families need affordable housing options in Howard County. And BTW, I love the idea of creating housing in vertical mixed-use environments!

Thanks!

Ellen McDaniel  
Columbia, MD