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Good Evening,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of C.R. 154-2021, the HCPSS Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program. The Oakland Mills Community Association supports a plan that includes renovations to Oakland Mills Middle and Oakland Mills High, beginning in FY 2024 and 2026, respectively, and we ask that you support this plan now as well as funding for these important projects when the time comes to fund those future fiscal years.

I have attached a copy of our spoken testimony along with the attachments I will refer to when speaking.

Jonathan Edelson Chairman, Oakland Mills Community Association



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October 18, 2021

Oakland Mills Community Association Testimony on the HCPSS Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program; CR154-2021

Good evening and thank you for this opportunity to discuss Council Resolution 154-2021 for the school system's capital budget and capital improvement program. My name is Jonathan Edelson, and I am representing the nearly 10,000 members of the Oakland Mills Community Association (OMCA).

For several years, OMCA has questioned the school system's capital improvement program. It continued to defer renovations to Oakland Mills Middle School and omitted any planned capital investment in Oakland Mills High School, despite the age of both buildings, the high dollar values of deferred maintenance and renovations, and the number of critical systems and fixtures that were well beyond the end of useful life.

We are pleased that the Board of Education voted to move up renovations to Oakland Mills Middle School to 2024 and to add Oakland Mills High School renovation to the plan for 2026. We encourage you to support this plan.

Both schools, in addition to having long-standing and deferred renovation needs, also have health and safety issues. Recent inspections have uncovered mold and high humidity in these buildings. Several plumbing fixtures have elevated levels of lead, and aging exterior surfaces present tripping hazards. These issues, along with others, are documented in the attachments I am providing with the electronic copy of this testimony.

OMCA is thankful that these conditions should not persist much longer if these two schools stay in the capital plan as scheduled and receive much-needed funding. OMCA encourages you to support this plan and work with our County Executive and state leadership to ensure the school system receives the funding it needs to execute the plan.

Location	Last Replaced	Project Description	Year Deferred	Total Deferred Operating Cost	Total Deferred Capital Cost
Folly Quarter MS	2003	Replace admin Rooftop Unit	2017	\$200,000	
Lime Kiln MS	1999	Office rooftop unit	2015	\$220,000	
ARL	1986	Replace two Roof Top Units, RTU #1 and #10. (34 yo and leaking)		\$400,000	
Forest Ridge ES	1992	Two Boilers	2014	\$650,000	
ARL	1968	Major Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning renovation	2011	100	\$25,000,000
Bonnie Branch MS		Chiller			\$500,000
Bonnie Branch MS	1999	Systemic, Boiler, & HVAC Renovation (2022)	2015		\$11,000,000
Centennial HS	1977/1997	Renovation, Addition & HVAC Replacement (2024)	2009		\$90,450,000
Central Office	1980	Air Handler Units and Boiler	2010		\$10,000,000
Cradlerock ES/Lake Elkhorn MS		Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning System Replacement	2015		\$16,000,000
Dunloggin MS	1994	Replace Chiller			\$400,000
Dunloggin MS	1994	Replace Cooling Tower			\$200,000
Dunloggin MS		Renovation, Addition & HVAC Renovation (2020)			\$41,200,000
Elkridge ES		Renovation		Charles (\$50,336,000
Elkridge Landing MS	1995	Replace 2 Boilers			\$500,000
Elkridge Landing MS	1995	HVAC Replacement	2016		\$10,800,000
Ellicott Mills MS		Replace one chiller			\$500,000
Folly Quarter MS		Replace Chiller			\$500,000
Forest Ridge ES	1992	Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning System Renovation	2014		\$42,764,000
Fulton ES	1997	HVAC Replacement & Roof (2024)	2016		\$18,900,000
Gorman Crossing ES	1998	Replace 2 Boilers			\$500,000
Hammond ES/MS	1987	Boiler Replacement, includes pumps, valves and associated piping 2021	2009		\$500,000
Hammond MS		Renovation & HVAC Replacement (2025)			\$41,395,000
Harpers Choice MS	1994	Replace Chiller			\$500,000
Harpers Choice MS		Renovation & HVAC Replacement			\$17,196,000
Hollifield Station ES	1997	Renovation & HVAC Replacement (2025)	2016		\$8,800,000
Jeffers Hill ES	1974	Boiler Replacement, includes pumps, valves and associated 2016 piping			\$500,000
Jeffers Hill ES	1998	Renovation & HVAC Replacement	2014		\$51,010,000
Lime Kiln MS	1999	Replace 2 Boilers			\$500,000

Location	Last Replaced	Project Description	Year Deferred	Total Deferred Operating Cost	Total Deferred Capital Cost
Long Reach HS		Replace 3 boilers	2016		\$1,500,000
Long Reach HS		Replace 2 chillers	2016	0.00	\$1,000,000
Long Reach HS		Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning system replacement	2016	900	\$38,000,000
Manor Woods ES	1994	Systemic HVAC Renovation (2022)	2015	1682	\$10,600,000
Mayfield Woods MS	1991	Replace 2 Boilers			\$500,000
Mayfield Woods MS		Renovation			\$41,300,000
Murray Hill MS	1997	Replace 3 boilers	2016		\$750,000
Oakland Mills HS	1973	Renovation and HVAC Replacement (FY16 on CIP)	2009	oll reenvier	\$110,682,000
Oakland Mills MS		Full Renovation (Proposes 2023)			\$51,210,000
Old Bushy Park	1976	Gas Conversion of Boiler 2009 burners			\$650,000
Old Cedar Lane	1981	Replacement of Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning Equipment	2009	9 1886 S 1994 Pa	\$10,000,000
Patapsco MS	1996	Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning Control Project	2011		\$350,000
Patapsco MS	1996	Renovation & HVAC Replacement	2011	s91	\$51,010,000
Pointers Run ES		Renovation			\$20,016,000
River Hill HS		Replace 6 boilers	2014		\$3,000,000
River Hill HS	1994	Two New Chillers	2014	9681	\$1,000,000
St Johns Lane ES		Replace two boilers	2000		\$500,000
St Johns Lane ES		Replace one cooling tower	2000	691	\$200,000
St Johns Lane ES		Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning system renovation	2009	60 Sen	\$16,200,000
Wilde Lake HS	1996	Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning system renovation 5 boilers, 2 chillers and 2 rooftop units.	2015	H TERT	\$5,500,000
				\$1,470,000 OPERATING	\$803,919,000 CAPITAL

Oakland Mills HS **Year Constructed**

Last Year Renovated

1973

Total Deferred Operating

\$21,700

Total Deferred Capital

\$41,334,952

Total Deferred IEQ

			Total Deferred Maintenance	\$41,356,652						
Location	Last Replaced	Project Description	SHOP / Proj Mgr	Rating	Year Deferred	Total Deferred Operating Cost	Total Deferred Capital Cost	Total Deferred IEQ Cost	Consequences of not Repairing	Impact if Project is not Completed
Oakland Mills HS	1973	Major HVAC renovation needed	Construction	OSC-01a	2009		\$38,000,000		When originally deferred, this was a major HVAC renovation project, however it has been nine years since the project was deferred. Current conditions at the school now require a full renovation. It's not practical and cost effective to maintain the system any longer.	to be problematic we are unable to provide a conducive- learning environment to both the students and staff.
Oakland Mills HS	1973	FLS repairs	Electrical		2009		\$141,050		Fire and life safety - PA system	PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 040919
Oakland Mills HS	1973	Replace remaining interior & exterior doors, frames and hardware	Gen Serv	GS-02b	2009		\$850,000		The doors and frames have reached the end of their useful life. Continued minor repairs are no longer providing a short-term solution (5+ yrs). Total replacement will provide extended life to the facility and provide more security to students and staff.	Interior doors-Impact staff and student safety during lockdown Exterior doors-impact security and weatherproofing which car lead to safety and IEQ issues.
Oakland Mills HS	1973	Field Renovation	Grounds	G-07	2016	\$3,400			Playing fields are used by students, staff and the community for recreational activites before, during and after school.	The immediate impact to students, staff and the community will be potential injury as well as closure of fields due to non-regular maintenance. This would result in a loss of revenue for the school system since there are rental fees associated with playing fields.
Oakland Mills HS	1973	Repave Side parking lot	Grounds	G-14	2014	\$7,500			Repavement of parking lots allows for solid surfaces for students and staff to walk on before, during and after school hours.	Immediate impacts to students, staff and the community may include injury from tripping hazards as well as inability for people with disabilities to get to the school from the parking lot.
Oakland Mills HS	1973	Field Renovation	Grounds	G-19	2016	\$3,300			Playing fields are used by students, staff and the community for recreational activites before, during and after school.	The immediate impact to students, staff and the community will be potential injury as well as closure of fields due to non-regular maintenance. This would result in a loss of revenue for the school system since there are rental fees associated with playing fields.
Oakland Mills HS	1973	Storm drain repair	Grounds	G-70	2015	\$7,500			This repair is needed to correct a problem with the drainage structure.	Impacts proper water flow, structure stability and the environment.
Oakland Mills HS	1973	Exterior site work	Grounds		2009		\$1,094,502		Concrete, sidewalk and pathway repairs.	
Oakland Mills HS	1973	Gymnasium Floor - Recoat	Paint/Floor	PF-01m	2017	\$0			General maintenance of the gym floors will not be performed this year.	Work completed Summer 2017 (\$6,500)
Oakland Mills HS	1973	Interior finishes	Paint/Floor		2009		\$1,249,400		The flooring in the school has reached the age where industry standard says it should be replaced. Total replacement will provide extended life.	No flooring (carpet or VCT) projects will be performed in any school.

Oakland Mills MS Year Constructed

1972

Total Deferred Operating

\$403,300

Total Deferred Capital

\$19,437,550

Last Year Renovated Total Deferred IEQ

Total Deferred Maintenance

\$0 \$19,840,850

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Oakland Mills MS		Full Locker Replacement	Carpentry	CA-01b		\$300,000				
Oakland Mills MS		Clean soiled sprinklers	Construction		2008		\$3,650			PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050118
Oakland Mills MS	1972	Concrete Pad replacement	Grounds	G-01	2016	\$3,300			The system, equipment, or component has reached the end of it's useful life. Continued minor repairs are no longer providing a short-term solution (5+ yrs). Total replacement or major repair will provide extended life.	Immediate impacts to students, staff and the community may include injury from tripping hazards.
Oakland Mills MS		Asphalt Repairs - Outdoor Recreation Area, north	Grounds		2008		\$8,500			PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050318
Oakland Mills MS		Asphalt Crack Sealing, Sealcoat, and Re-striping - Northeast Delivery Area	Grounds		2013		\$1,600			PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050318
Oakland Mills MS		Asphalt Crack Sealing, Sealcoat, and Re-striping - East Parking, to include the drive lane	Grounds		2013		\$5,000			PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050318
Oakland Mills MS		Asphalt Crack Sealing, Sealcoat, and Re-striping - South Main Parking, front of building	Grounds		2013		\$4,300			PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050318
Oakland Mills MS		Sidewalk & Concrete Curb Repairs	Grounds		2015		\$15,300			PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050318
Oakland Mills MS		Asphalt Repairs - Outdoor Recreation Area, west	Grounds		2012		\$38,700			PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050318
Oakland Mills MS		HVAC system renovation	HVAC		2011		\$19,000,000		Major systemic HVAC renovation.	
Oakland Mills MS		Replace MDF	ΙΤ		2017		\$185,000			PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050118
Oakland Mills MS	1973	Full Paint	Paint/Floor	PF-02v	2016	\$100,000			The paint in the school has reached the age where industry standard says it should be replaced.	No painting or aesthetic projects will be completed in any school.
Oakland Mills MS		Exterior painting	Paint/Floor		2016		\$20,000			PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050118
Oakland Mills MS		Improve sprinkler coverage	Plumbing		2008		\$5,500			PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050118
Oakland Mills MS		Roof replacement	Construction				\$150,000		Metal roofs (2)	



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Good evening members of the County Council,

Thank you for this opportunity to write to you. My name is Samuel Hahn and I am the Executive Director of Oakland Mills United and speaking on behalf of this organization.

Why is 28.5% of all HCPSS deferred maintenance in five Oakland Mills Cluster schools? The Oakland Mills Cluster has been deferred year after year and also consists of some of the oldest schools both in this school system and on the list for deferred maintenance.

Why is 20% of the entire HCPSS deferred maintenance in just two of these OM cluster schools? Oakland Mills Middle has about \$51 million in deferred maintenance, and Oakland Mills High School has over \$110 million in deferred maintenance. Why do 3% of HCPSS students carry 20% of HCPSS maintenance burden? Please explain how and why this county has allowed this to happen.

Recently, the Board of Education voted to finally add Oakland Mills High School on the Capital Improvement Plan and to accelerate the Oakland Mills Middle School renovation. I am here to urge you to support this plan and remain committed to the Oakland Mills schools, students, families, staff members, and community.

To highlight the urgency: Oakland Mills High School is in desperate need of a systematic renovation to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for all students AND staff members. HVAC is one example. **An HCPSS assessment**, now several years old, stated that "When originally deferred, this was a major HVAC renovation project; however, it has been nine years since the project was deferred. Current conditions at the school now require a full renovation. It's not practical and cost effective to maintain the system any longer. Due to the fact that the system is old, obsolete and continues to be problematic we are unable to provide a conducive- learning environment to both the students and staff." (Full report is attached below). More recently parents received an email communication explaining that an IEQ inspection showed that your prior assessment remains true. Not only does the HVAC system continue to be problematic, **it has caused mold to form in the classrooms.**

"The cause of the mold growth is related to the HVAC system's design, coupled with the current weather conditions, as well as additional run-times of the system (a COVID-19 response). Mold growth was identified in this space during the Summer and was cleaned with a board-approved

restoration contractor. Building Maintenance (HVAC) adjusted the fans operation speed to mitigate future impact, however it does not appear this was successful. As other HVAC zones in the space have a similar construction, they will also be surveyed for mold growth as a precaution."

This is an outrage and immediate action must be taken. Does Howard County remember the last time it failed to provide a safe learning environment because of mold?

I urge you to please support the HCPSS Capital Improvement Plan and work with the Board of Education, County Executive, and State Delegation to ensure that all funding avenues to Oakland Mills schools are available and that our schools are able to be renovated when the time comes.

I hope that you will remember and act on the issues impacting the Oakland Mills cluster schools.

Samuel Hahn
Executive Director
Oakland Mills United



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October 18, 2021 Testimony by Zhenzhu Nelson (Oakland Mills High School Senior)

Presented to the Howard County Council

Good evening and thank you for allowing me to speak here today. My name is Zhenzhu Nelson, and I am a senior at Oakland Mills High School. A few weeks ago, I was astounded when I discovered that the county has allowed over \$110,000,000 in deferred maintenance funds to accumulate for Oakland Mills High School - more than any other high school on the county list. I could sit here, and spend three minutes reading off statistics to you - but I am sure you already know them. Instead, I would like to tell you how the county's fiscal choices have personally impacted me, as well as other Oakland Mills students.

As a rising freshman, I was new to the Howard County Public School System. All I knew was that I was districted to Oakland Mills, so that was where I would go. Though, like any other recently graduated 8th grader, I was excited for high school, I was not excited to attend Oakland Mills. When asked, "Hey, Zhenzhu, where are you going to high school," my response, "Oakland Mills," was regularly met with words of sympathy. With each pitying look, my enthusiasm for high school diminished. When the day came that I finally became a "scorp" and I could judge for myself whether or not attending Oakland Mills was deserving of pity, I discovered that Oakland Mills is an amazing place. In fact, it has been a blessing to me for the past four years. However, it has been a blessing because of the amazing people who fill the building - not because of the building.

My freshman year, I took US History. The class was pretty packed, and there were only a few empty seats. One day during class, a ceiling tile fell directly on a desk without any warning. Luckily, that desk was one of the few empty ones in the room; had someone been sitting there, they could have been seriously injured, and this would have been a very different story. Though this may seem like one, isolated incident, when combined with the growing mold in our classrooms, the fact that our HVAC system has not been replaced since 1973 though it desperately needs replacement, and the long list of other repairs needed, it demonstrates Oakland Mills' serious and immediate need for the funding owed to it.

Every year, around 250 new students become part of the Oakland Mills High School Community. If you asked any OMHS student to create a list ranking the level of priority accorded to each Howard County high school, I believe you would find OMHS near the bottom every time. With each year you continue to defer our due funding, 250 additional students are made to feel like they and their school don't matter. I remember, the last time I attended school in person - my sophomore year - redistricting was the hot topic of the day. Parents protesting by the street, and students marching in downtown Columbia - all hoping to avoid the fate of having to attend schools like mine. Though county leaders have and continue to preach messages of "equity," "diversity," and "accountability," actions speak louder than words. And perhaps by taking this step - by funding the renovation of Oakland Mills High School and showing publicly that you believe OM is worth investing in - we many finally begin to change minds, better our schools, and heal our county.

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Dear Members of the County Council,

The numbers that members of my community have been grappling with as we analyze school expenditures are daunting. What we are looking at is the absence of expenditure, the absence of investment. The long term consequences of deferred maintenance in our schools are easily visible in less our attractive, less comfortable, less safe, less healthy school buildings. In truth, the lack of investment in our schools is a lack of investment in our children, and our families.

But it extends far beyond that.

Families looking at homes in Oakland Mills see how our schools are maintained compared to others and often decide not to invest in a home here. Businesses see how families are leery of purchasing homes and decide not to open new establishments here. It's a cycle which has continued for far too long. I would not blame some of our more vulnerable students if they came to believe that the school system doesn't think that they are worth investing in.

In effect, the lack of expenditure by the HCPSS in Oakland Mills casts long shadow over not only our schools, but our housing market and our commercial/retail prospects as well.

We have great school communities with excellent teachers, staff, and administrators and we have the capacity to serve more students. But until HCPSS fulfills its responsibility to our community by investing in infrastructure needs, the schools in Oakland Mills exist in a sort of second class limbo. What does it say that it's perfectly acceptable for our students to go to these schools, but we couldn't possibly ask anyone else to?

Isn't that what second class means?

I don't mean to suggest that this situation is the result of malicious intent, but, here we are just the same. We need to stop the cycle. We need to make better choices. I'm hopeful the the members of the Board of Education is beginning to make this issue a priority.

I implore you to do the same, to invest in our schools, invest in our students and give our community the kind of healthy and safe schools that are long overdue.

Thank you for your help.

Julia A McCready Oakland Mills

Good evening County Council Members, my name is Malia Edelson and I'm a freshman at Oakland Mills High School (OMHS). Have you ever had to work or learn in a place where you get constant headaches or can't move freely in a room? The students at OMHS have to deal with this everyday, making learning a difficult and stressful process. As one of those students, I want to speak out on behalf of us all so that our school is heard.

I am taking a Biology course this year and in that classroom I get a migraine almost everyday. The air in that classroom and in the whole science wing can no longer filter the air properly causing mold build ups. There was a big mold issue in that classroom over the summer and more mold was found this year. Many of my fellow classmates have told me that it is difficult to get anything done in that room because of the lasting effects of the mold. While dehumidifiers have been placed in that classroom, and many of the other science rooms, it is still not safe to learn in a humid environment with poor air quality, especially in the middle of a pandemic.

The air system connecting the science rooms is one of the worst, but it doesn't take away from the full HVAC system. Our HVAC system hasn't been renovated/fully replaced since 1973 which, in case you didn't know, was when the school was opened. Because of this some classrooms are extremely hot, while some are colder. It is very difficult for students to dress comfortably for school when in some rooms they will need to wear a layer or two, while other rooms feel like you are sitting outside on a hot summer day. I do know that some work has been done to fix errors in the HVAC system, but why waste money repairing it when in the long run it will be cheaper to fully replace it.

OMHS has between \$100,000,000 and \$110,000,000 in deferred maintenance, which is more than any other school in the county. The county has been neglecting our school since the start and it is becoming more and more apparent. It has been neglected so much that the school is no longer a completely safe environment. Our custodians do everything in their power to keep our school clean and safe, but some things are out of their reach. For example our ceiling tiles have most likely never been replaced, so decades of dust and germs fall down on students every single day. Certain parts of our ceilings even have rust on it which is not safe to breathe in as it can lead to stomach irritation or iron build up in a person's lungs.

On another topic, I am an alumni of Oakland Mill Middle (OMMS), and during my time there I noticed similar problems between the air system. It would be hot in one room and cold in another. Almost every classroom was full, some more crowded than others, just like the classes at OMHS. There is also a lot of stuff broken within the school, like the lockers. The majority of them won't lock or can easily be kicked open.

There were a lot of issues I didn't touch on, but the point of talking about the ones I did was to try and get the councils support in funding the budget for the OMMS renovation, schedules for 2024, and the OMHS renovation, schedules for 2026. These renovations are badly needed and will greatly help the safety of our students. OM as a whole is constantly looked down upon and I want to thank the BoE for putting our schools on the capital improvement plan. I

hope that the council can help support the funding for our school's renovations. Thank you for taking your time to listen to what I had to say.

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Dear Members of the Council:

Please support the planned capital improvements for Oakland Mills High School by supporting CR154-2021. Thank you.

Sincerely, Kristie Lockwood Oakland Mills