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From: Sara Benjamin <saraebenjamin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 16, 2022 8:35 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR 189

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Hello.

Please support Council Resolution 189, which approves the Howard County Board of Education's Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and Capital Improvement Program Request for Fiscal Years 2025-2029 for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction. This is important to me as my children attend Oakland Mills Middle and Oakland Mills high school and both of those schools are in disrepair. The disparities between the physical conditions of these schools compared to newer schools in the county is appalling. Please approve this resolution as a step to narrow this gap to make conditions more safe, healthy and equitable for the students and staff.

Sincerely,

Sara E Benjamin

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Greetings,

As an OMHS teacher, parent of Scorpions- graduated, current, and rising- and an Oakland Mills resident, I hope you will support CR189 so that our schools will get the funding they need.

As you know, both OMMS and OMHS are in desperate need of renovations. While my three sons missed out on the upgrades made to their elementary school, TSES, and will likely not be attending classes at either the middle or high schools before they're fully renovated, we are hopeful that our younger neighbors and future generations will benefit from updated buildings that are healthy learning environments for all who spend time there.

Thank you for supporting HCPSS to do great things for our community.

Amy Brooks.

Sayers, Margery

From: Jonathan Edelson, OMCA <jledelson.omca@gmail.com>
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Attachments: OMCA Testimony_CR189-2022.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter of support for Council Resolution 189. The Oakland Mills Community Association encourages you to support this resolution to move the HCPSS Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Plan forward.

Thank you,

Jonathan Edelson
Chairman, Oakland Mills Community Association Board of Directors



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October 17, 2022

Dear Chairperson Jones and Members of the Howard County Council:

The Oakland Mills Community Association encourages you to pass Council Resolution 189-2022, approving the Howard County Board of Education's Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and Capital Improvement Program Request for Fiscal Years 2025-2029 for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction.

The Board of Education reinforced the need for consistent prioritization of the school system's capital projects to ensure healthy learning environments while also addressing capacity needs throughout the system. Their actions help ensure that schools such as Oakland Mills Middle and Oakland Mills High here in the Village of Oakland Mills, which have been deferred for years and even decades for much-needed renovations, will not continue to move onto and off of the Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program.

We appreciate the Council's engagement with the Board of Education on this important subject and again encourage you to pass Council Resolution 189-2022. We also offer our support as our county leadership works with the state to secure matching funds for these crucial projects.

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Please pass CR 189 that ensures much needed renovations for Oakland Mills Middle and High Schools.

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From: Valerie Patel <valpatelval@gmail.com>
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Greetings,

As a resident of Oakland Mills and a parent of future OMMS and OMHS students, I hope you will support CR189 so that our schools will get the funding they need.

As you know, both OMMS and OMHS are in desperate need of renovations. I am hopeful that my 2 children will be able to fully benefit from attending a renovated school. These renovations will provide a safe and healthy environment for my children to thrive in. I also hope these renovations help in the future redistricting because neighborhoods will hopefully want their children to attend these updated, well maintained buildings.

Thank you for supporting HCPSS to do great things for our community.

Valerie Patel

Testimony

Howard County Council

Howard County, Maryland

Legislative Public Hearing on Board of Education Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program

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October 17, 2022

I urge you to support the passage of **Council Resolution 189-2022**. **Council Resolution 189-2022** approves the Howard County Board of Education Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and Capital Improvement Program Request for Fiscal Years 2025 – 2029 for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction.

These actions by the Howard County Board of Education prioritize renovations to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) starting in 2024 and Oakland Mills High School (OMHS) starting in 2026. These renovations are needed for a safe and healthy learning environment.

Sticking to this timetable is crucial because these renovations have been deferred for many years. Any additional delays will exacerbate the problems in these buildings. The recent report on school construction and renovation reveals how past delays in OMMS and OMHS have changed requirements from minor repairs to major repairs and replacements in diverse areas such as HVAC systems and concrete pads to prevent injury from tripping hazards.

Joan L. Aron
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