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I have no objections to the immediate projects that will be sent to the IAC. The long-term Capital Improvement Program is atrocious and unfair.

In case any members of the council have forgotten, there is no high school in the Elkridge Planning Region, which contains slightly less than 1/6 of the county population. I've attached a helpful diagram to illustrate this.

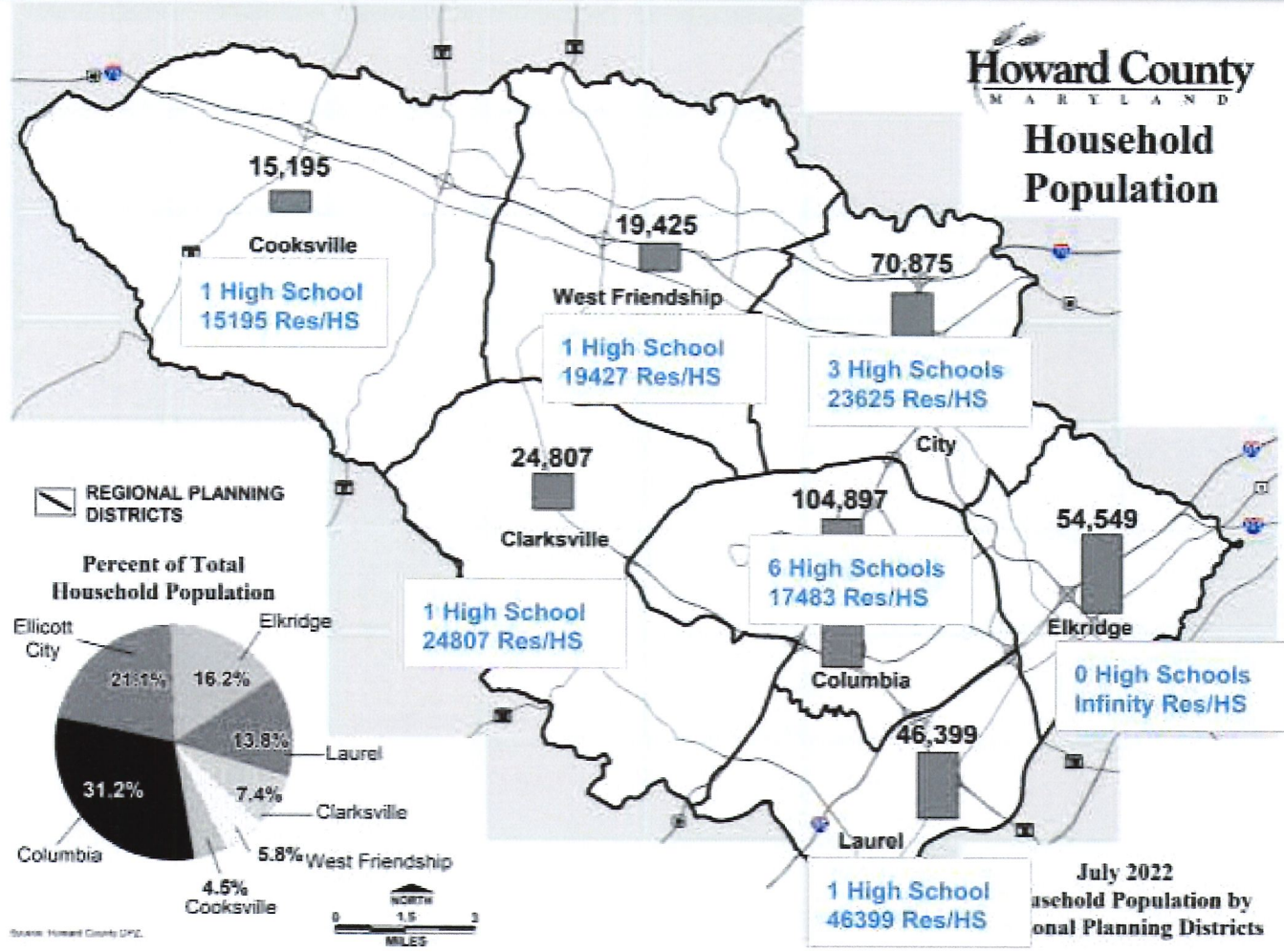
The CIP proposes building additions to Oakland Mills High School, and to Centennial High School. It is wrong to add capacity to parts of the county that already have high schools, while we have no high school in Elkridge. If we were to build HS 14 in Elkridge, it would meet the need of these two expansions, and result in a much more equitable distribution of high school capacity in the county.

The CIP also proposes a renovation to Oakland Mills High School that costs over \$130M, which is nearly as much as the cost of HS 14. I will not argue that there is a problem at Oakland Mills, in that the school is dilapidated and increasingly unhealthy for students. But the best solution to this problem is not to renovate OMHS, it is to build HS 14 to replace Oakland Mills.

I ask that the county government do a tradeoff analysis between OMHS and HS 14 to determine which alternative provides the best value to Howard County residents, using HCPSS Policy 6000 School Site Selection as guidance. If we are going to spend over \$130M, we have an obligation to ensure money is wisely spent for maximum benefit to the county as a whole.

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Household Population



Source: Research Division, Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning



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TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION

I, Samuel Hahn, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

Oakland Mills United to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding CR 189-2022 to express the organization's
(bill or resolution number)

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

Printed Name: Samuel Hahn

Signature: 

Date: 10/15/2022

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Organization Address: 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 315 Columbia, MD 21046

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Number of Members: 500

Name of Chair/President: Adona Wimberly

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PTACHC (PTA Council of Howard County) to deliver testimony to the
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Printed Name: Brent Loveless

Signature: *Brent Loveless*

Date: October 17, 2022

Organization: PTACHC

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Number of Members: Represent 74 local PTA units countywide

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