




# Howard County

## *Internal Memorandum*

Subject: Testimony for Council Resolutions CRXX-2023 (APF Housing Unit Allocations Chart) and CRXX-2023 (School Capacity Chart)

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### **Council Resolution No. XX-2023 – Housing Unit Allocation Chart for FY 2024**

The Housing Unit Allocation chart sets the pace for new residential development by geographic region, identified as Designated Place Types in PlanHoward 2030. According to Section 16.1102 of the Howard County Code, the chart must be adopted by resolution annually. The new Housing Unit Allocation Chart implements the PlanHoward 2030 housing allocation categories and covers the PlanHoward 2030 housing unit projections beginning in Adequate Public Facilities (APF) test year 2026, as specified in Section 16.1110 of the APF regulations.

### **Council Resolution No. XX-2023 – School Capacity Chart for FY 2024**

The School Capacity Charts for elementary school districts and regions, for middle school districts, and for high school districts must be adopted with the new Housing Unit Allocation Chart. These charts have been updated to reflect changes in enrollment projections, redistricting, and programmed capacity increases since the last chart was adopted and have been approved by the Howard County Board of Education. These charts cover a ten-year period beginning in the APF test year 2026. The charts were provided to the Department from the Howard County Public School System and were accompanied by a report containing the information required by Section 16.1103(c) of the Code, as amended by Council Bill No. 9-2022

Specifically, the charts approved by the Board of Education projects fifteen elementary school districts, two elementary school regions (which impacts an additional six elementary schools, for a total of 21 elementary school districts), three middle school districts, and zero high school districts to be closed (or constrained) for APF test year 2026. However, DPZ observed that two of the constrained elementary school districts, Rockbun Elementary and Triadelphia Ridge Elementary, technically have a projected enrollment that is below the 105 percent school capacity utilization. Both Rockburn and Triadelphia Ridge are shown in the Chart at a capacity of 584 students and projected enrollment of 613 students. When these raw numbers are calculated, the projected enrollment for each school is 104.966%, which is below the 105% threshold by which County Code defines as “constrained” to new future residential development.

**Fiscal Impact**

There are no fiscal impacts resulting from the adoption of these resolutions.

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