

**From:** [Mr. Drew](#)  
**To:** [Budget Testimony; CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** Budget Testimony, December 21, 2022  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 21, 2022 4:11:27 PM  
**Attachments:** [Budget Input 2022.pdf](#)

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Thanks for listening.

Drew Roth  
Elkridge

Elkridge receives a lower level of investment, services and amenities than the rest of Howard County. Future budgets should address this long standing inequity.

### 1. Amenities

Elkridge should be brought up to the same level of service as the rest of Howard County before new amenities are built elsewhere. Before we build a swimming pool for North Laurel and a hockey rink for Clarksville, Elkridge should have a high school and a community center, the same as everyone else.

And when it's time to build new things like public swimming pools and hockey rinks, the county should prepare a comprehensive and holistic plan to provide these amenities to all parts of the county on a similar time scale.

### 2. Schools

The HCPSS Capital Improvement Program is disgraceful.

Here is the CIP from four years ago. Note that the HS 14 development is to start in 2024, to open in 2028. Building HS 14 is concurrent with renovating and expanding Centennial High School.

FY 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program										
Board of Education's Approved										June 6, 2019
(In Thousands)										
Grades	Capacity	Project	County Project	Occupancy	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	5 Year CIP Total
K-5	540	Talbott Springs ES Replacement	E1043	Sept 2022	\$ 14,218	\$ 9,878	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,096
9-12	1,650	New HS #13	E1035	Sept 2023	34,460	34,480	34,460	19,564	-	122,964
9-12	200	Hammond HS Renovation/Addition	E1024	Sept 2023	27,955	28,075	28,156	14,494	-	98,680
K-5	600	New ES #43	E1039	Sept 2024	4,000	15,500	14,500	12,439	4,588	51,027
6-8	97	Dunloggin MS Renovation/Addition	E1049	Sept 2024	2,000	8,694	11,671	11,534	5,000	38,899
6-8	156	Ellicott Mills MS Addition	E1037	Sept 2023	-	1,000	6,415	1,000	-	8,415
6-8	-	Oakland Mills MS Renovation	E1036	Sept 2026	-	-	-	7,500	15,500	23,000
K-5	600	New ES #44	E1040	Sept 2026	-	-	4,000	15,550	14,500	34,050
9-12	250	Centennial HS Renovation/Addition	E1025	Sept 2028	-	-	-	11,333	16,367	27,700
9-12	TBD	New HS #14	E1052	Sept 2028	-	-	-	13,905	19,948	33,853
		Systemic Renovations/Modernizations	E1044		34,486	26,927	21,270	21,474	16,948	121,105
		Defers Projects	E1045		1,000	5,000	1,000	1,000	5,000	13,000

And this year, HS 14 has been pushed out 9 years, not starting until 2033, with no completion date. The Centennial renovation/expansion is now four years ahead of HS 14, and, shockingly, a renovation/expansion of Oakland Mills HS has been inserted into the budget ahead of both HS 14 and Centennial.

## FY 2024-2033 Long-Range Master Plan

Board of Education Proposed

September 29, 2022

(In Thousands)

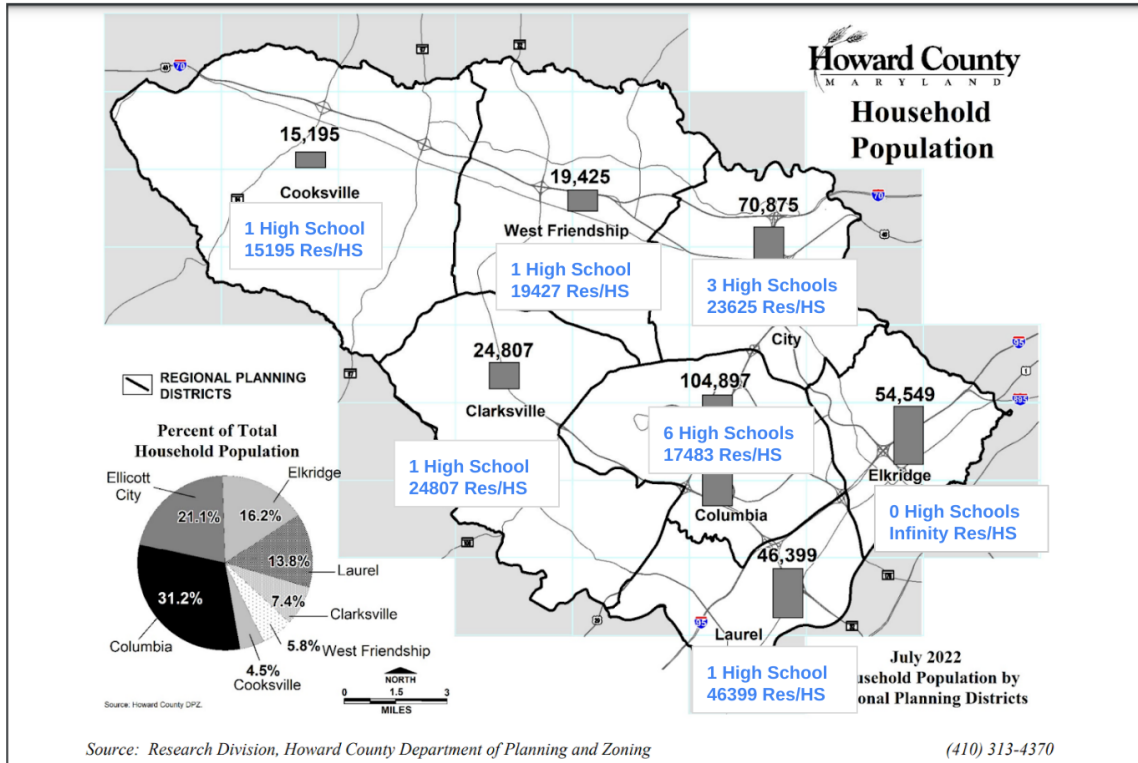
Capacity	Project	County Project	Occupancy	Approved Appropriations	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033	Total Approp. plus FY24-FY33 Request
1,658	New HS #13	E1035	Sept 2023	123,042	\$ 6,955	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,997
195	Oakland Mills MS Renovation/Addition	E1036	Sept 2027	-	4,447	7,411	23,715	14,822	7,411	1,482	-	-	-	-	59,288
233	Dunloggin MS Renovation/Addition	E1049	Sept 2027	-	4,484	7,472	23,913	14,945	7,473	1,495	-	-	-	-	59,782
400	Oakland Mills HS Renovation/Addition	E1053	Sept 2029	-	-	-	10,191	16,982	54,343	33,965	16,982	3,396	-	-	135,859
600	New ES #43 (Turf Valley)	E1039	Sept 2030	-	-	-	-	-	4,446	22,230	23,712	7,410	1,482	-	59,280
340	Centennial HS Renovation/Addition	E1025	Sept 2032	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,865	16,441	52,612	32,882	16,441	128,241
PK	Faulkner Ridge Center	TBD	Sept 2031	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,629	3,716	9,406	5,431	543	21,725
195	Thomas Viaduct MS Addition	TBD	Sept 2032	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,078	9,342	3,953	-	14,373
194	Patapsco MS Renovation/Addition	E1056	TBD	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,688	7,813	25,002	15,626	-	53,129
253	Murray Hill MS Renovation/Addition	TBD	TBD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,205	8,675	27,760	41,640
PK	Regional Early Childhood Center	E1054	TBD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,629	2,716	8,690	13,035
600	New ES #44 (Southeast)	E1040	TBD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,731	28,653	34,384
	Applications and Research Lab Renovation	TBD	TBD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
	Jeffers Hill ES Renovation	E1057	TBD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,197	2,197
TBD	New HS #14	E1052	TBD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,737	13,737
	Systemic Renovations/Modernizations	TBD		-	42,434	34,197	20,195	30,402	31,500	25,500	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	216,228
	Roofing Projects	TBD		-	1,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	46,000
	Playground Equipment	E0990		3,680	275	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	8,905

The expansion for Oakland Mills is being justified by growth in the Route 1 corridor. When growth in one area is used to justify adding capacity somewhere else, the area experiencing growth is being exploited. Just as the Elkridge families who experienced severe overcrowding for over a decade were exploited to justify building distant HS 13, the section of the Route 1 Corridor between MD 175 and MD 100 is now being exploited to justify an expansion of Oakland Mills. This region, which generates 400 high school students, would be far better served by a new, nearby HS 14, than an expansion of distant Oakland Mills.

New capacity should be prioritized for areas that have experienced growth and have no nearby schools. HS 14 should be the top priority for investment in high schools.

And the solution to the dilapidated state of Oakland Mills High School is to close it and replace it with HS 14. When the population of the Village of Oakland Mills grows sufficiently to justify a high school in Oakland Mills, then Oakland Mills can be renovated and reopened.

It is wrong for Columbia to have 6 high schools and Elkridge to have 0.



### 3. Public Transit

The public transit provided to Elkridge residents is far inferior to what is provided in similar regions of the county. The recent high school redistricting sends the great majority of Elkridge high school students to distant schools having no public transit between school and home. This creates an disproportionate barrier on the ability of Elkridge students to participate in extracurricular activities, compared with most other parts of the county where schools are near where the students live and where public transportation is available. Note that no Elkridge student can walk to their assigned high school. No Elkridge student in the Route 1 corridor has a safe route to ride a bicycle to school.

I would propose three routes, which could either be new or could be modifications to existing routes.

The routes form a triangle. Each side of the triangle provides service between a high school and the Elkridge students who attend it.

1. Up and down Route 1, similar to the current 409.

Stops at these locations at a minimum.

\* Levering Ave, so there is a way for residents north of the CSX tracks to safely cross them.

- \* Dr. Patel Drive, connector between Elkridge Crossing and restaurants, pedestrian crossing planned for here.
- \* Montgomery Road (shopping, grocery store, Elkridge Crossing development)
- \* Rowanberry Drive (library, residential development)
- \* Ducketts Lane (school, residential development)
- \* Troy Park Drive (Troy Park, employers, restaurants)
- \* Meadowridge Road/Dorsey MARC (MARC, Transit-oriented Development)
- \* Kit Kat Road (residential development, shopping, weekend flea market with massive socioeconomically disadvantaged customer base)
- \* Port Capital Drive (shopping, Howard Square development)
- \* 175 (employment center, Howard Square, \*future connector to Jessup MARC via modified 408\*)
- \* HS 13 (school, shopping)
- \* Guilford Road (shopping, \*future connector to Savage MARC, NSA, Annapolis Junction Transit Oriented Development)

The schedule for this route should have reliable service to take students home from after school activities at HS 13. The current 409 does not extend north to Levering Ave, and it does not go to HS 13.

2. A route that goes between the Jessup MARC and Oakland Mills. This is similar to the current 408.

Stops at these locations at a minimum:

- \* Jessup MARC Station
- \* Route 1 (Howard Square development, employment center, shopping), making a connection with the modified 409 above.
- \* 108 and Lark Brown Road (residential neighborhood, shopping, restaurants)
- \* 175 and Dobbin Road (shopping, employment)
- \* Oakland Mills HS (school, shopping, employment, residential)

The schedule for this route should have reliable service to take students home from after school activities at Oakland Mills HS. The current 408 does not extend to Jessup MARC. It also swings around on Tamar Drive past Long Reach HS for little purpose. This route should replace the swing down Tamar Drive on the current 408. Howard County should coordinate with Anne Arundel County so that there is a transfer at the Jessup MARC station to provide service to Fort Meade and Odenton.

3. A route that goes from the center of Columbia to BWI, via Long Reach, and the north end of the Route 1 corridor.

Stops at these locations at a minimum:

- \* BWI/BWI Light Rail (there is an existing shuttle to the BWI Rail Station, for MARC and Amtrak)
- \* Guinness

- \* Route 1 and Levering Ave
- \* Route 1 and Montgomery Road (Elkridge Crossing development, shopping) (connect with "409")
- \* Rockburn Park on Montgomery Road (housing, recreation)
- \* Lyndwood Square (housing, shopping)
- \* 108 and Snowden River (shopping, employment)
- \* Long Reach HS
- \* 175 and Dobbin Road (connect with "408")
- \* Columbia Mall
- \* Howard Community College
- \* Howard County General Hospital

The schedule for this route should have reliable service to take students home from after school activities at Long Reach HS. Everything in this route from Long Reach HS to BWI is new.

These three routes make a nice triangle which ties together three major home-to-school routes and also links together a great deal of residences, shopping, and employment. The vertices of the triangle are 1 and Montgomery, 1 and 175, and 175 and Dobbin Road.

#### 4. Bike and Pedestrian Projects

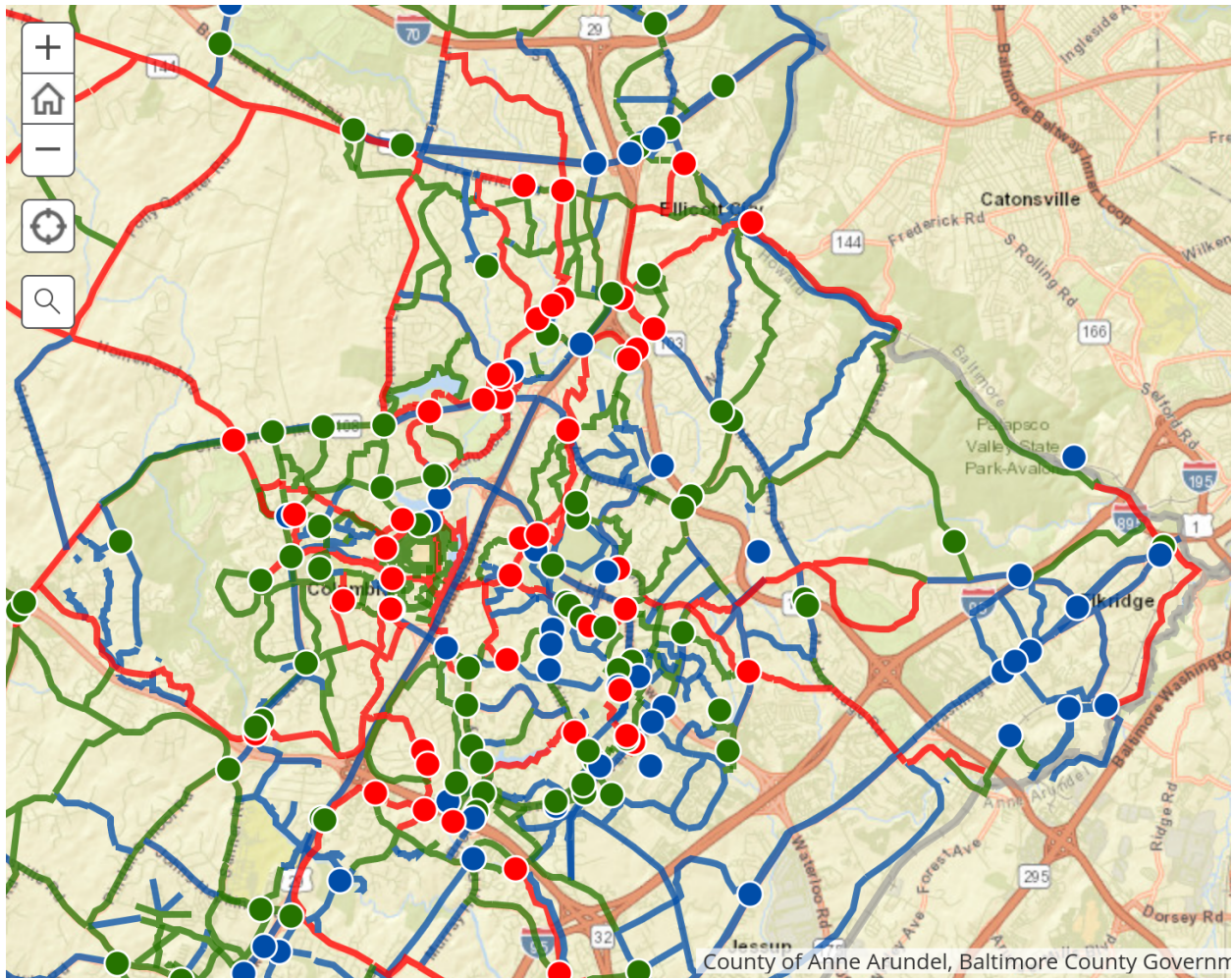
To date, none of the many Complete Streets projects are in Elkridge. In Elkridge, there is no safe connection across MD 100 at Route 1. There is no safe connection across I-95 at Montgomery Road. There is no safe way to cross the CSX tracks at Route 1.



ADA compliance is for other places, not Elkridge, I guess.

Bike projects in Elkridge are disproportionately scheduled as "long term". And even the Elkridge

projects designated “short term” are not implemented, while the “medium term” separated bike lane on Oakland Mills Road has already been completed.



There is a similar bias in terms of pedestrian improvements. There are many good pedestrian projects proposed for Elkrige, but construction has not begun on any of them. Meanwhile other parts of the county have had projects proposed, started, and completed and on to the next, while Elkrige still waits.

Every year, Elkrige receives far less than our share of public investment than other parts of the county. It is wrong for Elkrige residents to pay taxes the same as everyone else, and have our taxes pay for investments and improvements elsewhere and never in Elkrige.

**From:** [Emily Gotowka](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** Dunloggin Middle School - Renovation Concerns  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 11:55:46 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I implore you to accelerate the much needed renovations on Dunloggin Middle School! If your child's safety was put in jeopardy daily due to lack of sufficient bathrooms, active rodent infestation, portables violating current fire code safety, and overcrowding leading to injuries by merely walking to class. As a tax paying citizen this is completely unsatisfactory! DMS has continually been neglected since it was originally placed on the FY2012-2015 operating budget. The renovation completion date has been deferred SIX TIMES! An incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade student entering DMS in 2018, the original renovation completion date, will be a College Junior if DMS renovation is not completed until Sep 2027. THIS IS UNSAFE, UNSATISFACTORY, AND UNACCEPTABLE.

The DMS community has for too long waited patiently for our turn. Sadly, year after year, we were overlooked and consistently bumped further and further down the renovation list. Well the time is NOW. Due to your inaction and failure to protect our children – we will sit idle no more. When you jeopardize the safety of my child due to your ineptitude to realize the deplorable state of DMS, I will not rest until I know that my child. No child in the 21<sup>st</sup> century should be deprived of the accessibility of a bathroom!

Please accelerate the overdue and needed renovation of Dunloggin Middle School!

A Very Concerned Parent  
Emily Gotowka



**From:** [Jo M. Glasco](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** Funding for Added seats at Dunloggin and Oakland Mills Middle  
**Date:** Sunday, April 9, 2023 10:13:10 PM

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Dear Sir and Madam. Please note that I support funding for the above and believe even more funding should occur to ease crowding in the schools. Thanks. Jo Glasco. 443 538 5394

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**From:** [Kevin Chin](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** Support for School Renovations  
**Date:** Monday, April 10, 2023 9:43:50 PM

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**Hello Council,**

**Investment in both education AND housing provides complementary and reciprocal benefits to our community. As you deliberate the proposed FY 2024 capital budget, please support the renovations of Oakland Mills and Dunloggin middle schools that will add over 400 student seats to county schools.**

**Sincerely,  
Kevin Chin  
Howard County Resident**

**From:** [Grace Morris](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** Funding for school renovations  
**Date:** Monday, April 10, 2023 5:07:41 PM

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**Dear Chairperson Rigby and Council Members**

**Investments in education AND housing will provide our children with the foundation needed to thrive.**

**We hope that people will stop pitting schools and affordable housing against each other. It isn't an either, or, choice.**

**As you deliberate the proposed FY 2024 capital budget, please know that housing advocates support the renovations of Oakland Mills and Dunloggin middle schools that will add over 400 student seats.**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Grace Morris*

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**From:** Vivian Moore Lawyer <vmlawyerster@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023 9:29 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail

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Dear County Council Members,

Investment in both education AND housing provides complementary and reciprocal benefits to our community. As you deliberate the proposed FY 2024 capital budget, please support the renovations of Oakland Mills and Dunloggin middle schools that will add over 400 student seats to county schools.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** [Ruth Griffin](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting Schools  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023 9:59:02 AM

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Hello,

Thank you for your work in Howard County.

As a housing professional of over 35 years, a Columbia resident, and a Howard County landlady, I'm writing to ask for your support for school growth.

Investment in both education AND housing provides complementary and reciprocal benefits to our community. As you deliberate the proposed FY 2024 capital budget, please support the renovations of Oakland Mills and Dunloggin middle schools that will add over 400 student seats to county schools.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to good results on this matter.

Take care,  
Ruth

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Ruth L. Griffin  
443-622-7295 (m)

**From:** [Dona Oldfield](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** Increasing capacity in our schools  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023 2:50:33 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My husband and I have lived in Howard County for over 30 years. We raised our children here, and found the quality of our schools important to their lifetime success. I would like to encourage you to increase the capacity of our schools; in particular, to renovate and increase the capacity of Oakland Mills and Dunloggin Middle Schools.

Simultaneously, I would encourage you to address the increasingly important issue of affordable housing in Howard County. If we want good schools, we need to make sure that our teachers can afford to live here. If we want to keep Howard County a safe place to live, we need to ensure that our first responders can also afford to live here. Currently, living in Howard County isn't even a consideration for these important county employees - they almost always commute from less expensive neighboring counties. We need to ensure that they can find housing that they can afford in Howard County.

Investment in our schools and affordable housing are investments in the safety, success and future of our citizens and community. Please ensure that these wise investments are made.

All the best,  
Dona Oldfield  
12135 Red Stream Way  
Columbia, MD 21044  
410-707-5720

**From:** [Ray LeVesque](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** Support our County School System's Capital Budget  
**Date:** Sunday, April 16, 2023 3:13:02 PM

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Dear Council Members:

I am writing to express my support for prudent investments in our County's School System Capital Budget to enable investment in both education **and** housing to provide complementary and reciprocal benefits to our community. While being mindful of fiscal soundness, I find it troubling that our County, wealthy as it is, exhibits the level of food insecurity and housing insecurity that it does. I see education - and the nutritional and emotional support that schools can also provide to students - as key parts of improving the future of all County citizens.

As you consider and finalize the proposed FY 2024 capital budget, please support the renovations of Oakland Mills and Dunloggin middle schools to add over 400 student seats to county schools. Educating all our children improves their foundation for a better future, which benefits all Howard County residents.

Thank you for the work you do for our community.

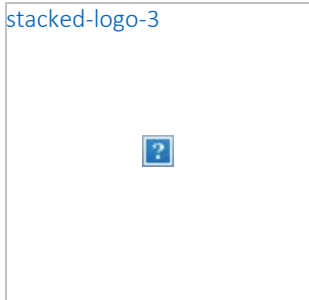
Sincerely,  
Ray LeVesque

**From:** [Broccolino, Tracy](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** Written Testimony in Support of Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget  
**Date:** Monday, April 17, 2023 5:39:03 PM  
**Attachments:** [CAC Council FY24 Budget Mtg 4.18.2023.pdf](#)  
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Good evening,  
Please see the attached letter in support of the FY2024 Capital Budget.

My thanks,  
Tracy



**Tracy Broccolino, M.S. Ed.**

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# Community Action Council

of Howard County

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Tracy Broccolino, President

April 17, 2023

Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Re: Written Testimony in Support of Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget

Dear Honorable Howard County Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Community Action Council (CAC) of Howard County, I share our support for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Capital Budget with the focus on increasing school capacity. County investment in both education AND housing provides innumerable benefits to our community. As you consider the proposed FY 2024 capital budget, please support Projects E-1036 and E-1049, the renovations of Oakland Mills and Dunloggin middle schools respectively. These renovations will add over 400 student seats to County schools.

As the County's designated anti-poverty agency focused on promoting and supporting families' self-sufficiency, CAC is keenly aware that housing and education are inextricably linked. Without adequate housing, families cannot access the exceptional education provided by the Howard County Public School System. All children are impacted when they attend overcrowded schools; yet children from families earning wages below the [Self-Sufficiency Standard](#) are often more negatively impacted. For many of the families CAC serves, the county public schools provide the academic support their families may not be able to provide oftentimes because their homes are not conducive to learning or their parents are working multiple jobs to remain in their homes. When classrooms are overcrowded, teachers are less likely to be able to provide the individualized support children need.

By approving the proposed FY2024 Capital Budget to increase school capacity at these two schools, the Council demonstrates its recognition of the reciprocal benefits of investing in education *and* housing. Maintaining an environment that supports the future success for *all students* is a win-win for those we collectively serve.



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Thank you for your consideration and your service to our community. You demonstrate the heart of this County – making it the special place it is for all citizens to thrive.

Most sincerely,

Tracy Broccolino, M.S., Ed



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**From:** [Laura Salganik](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Cc:** [Betsy Singer Marcus](#)  
**Subject:** Capital budget projects E-1036 and E-1049  
**Date:** Monday, April 17, 2023 6:40:19 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Dear Chair Rigby, Vice Chair Jung, Members of the Howard County Council:

As you consider the proposed FY 2024 capital budget, the Jewish Community Relations Council urges you to support Projects E-1036 and E-1049, the renovations of Oakland Mills and Dunloggin Middle Schools that will add over 400 student seats to county schools. The JCRC, guided by our Jewish values, seeks to promote the common good and to build mutual understanding between our local Jewish community of about 25,000 residents and the broader civic, ethnic, and religious communities here in the county.

Increasing school capacity throughout the county is critical to the preservation of current and development of sorely needed new affordable housing. Investment in both education AND housing provides multiple benefits to our community. Students from families with low incomes are negatively impacted academically and health-wise by overcrowding and school facilities that need maintenance. Likewise, lack of school space makes it more difficult to increase the amount of affordable housing. Recognizing that the Oakland Mills area has affordable housing, and that transportation is another challenge, we particularly hope that increasing the capacity of Dunloggin Middle School will allow for new affordable housing in that school's catchment area.

Thank you for your attention.

Betsy Singer Marcus and Laura Salganik  
Co-chairs, Jewish Community Relations Council

**From:** [Alfred Epanque](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Date:** Monday, April 17, 2023 11:26:25 PM

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**Investment in both education AND housing provides complementary and reciprocal benefits to our community. As you deliberate the proposed FY 2024 capital budget, please support the renovations of Oakland Mills and Dunloggin middle schools that will add over 400 student seats to county schools.**

**From:** [billsgalanik@gmail.com](mailto:billsgalanik@gmail.com)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** support for schools capital projects  
**Date:** Monday, April 17, 2023 10:07:56 AM

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Dear Council members,

As someone concerned about the shortage of housing (affordable and otherwise) in Howard County, I write in support of two school renovation projects proposed in the capital budget which would, taken together, add more than 400 seats to school capacity. There are E-1036, Oakland Mills Middle School, and E-1049, Dunloggin Middle School.

The Housing Opportunities Master Plan and the draft HoCo by Design document the county's housing shortage: There are about 20,000 units less than needed for our current workforce, with the problem expected to get worse as the county attracts new jobs. There are many factors creating barriers to the difficulty in building enough units, and one is already-crowded schools. The Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance, designed to prevent increased school crowding, blocks construction in much of the county.

We need housing, and we need school capacity to make that housing possible.

Bill Salganik, Clemens' Crossing (District 4)

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**From:** Karin Emery <karin.emery@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:58 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Fund The Renovation & Addition Process at Oakland Mills Middle

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Please fund the renovation and addition process at Oakland Mills Middle in the HCPSS Board of Education capital budget request.

Karin Emery

**From:** [Jon Lemich](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** I support renovations to OMMS and OMHS  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:47:13 PM

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Good evening;

I support the plan to renovate Oakland Mills Middle and High school. They're in the heart of Columbia and need renovations badly. These renovations will add capacity and fix some problems the schools are suffering. Thank you!

Jon Lemich  
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**From:** [Kristie L](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** OMMS renovation and addition funding -- support  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:42:56 PM

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Dear Honorable Members of the Howard County Council:

I am writing to ask for your support for funding the renovation and addition process at Oakland Mills Middle School. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Kristine Lockwood  
Columbia MD



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**From:** Jessica Mahajan <jessica.mahajan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:58 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Capital Budget Testimony Apr2023  
**Attachments:** Capital Budget Testimony Apr2023.pdf

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Jessica

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I strongly support the full funding of the Board of Education's capital funding request for Fiscal Year 2024. This plan will start the process for much-needed renovations to Oakland Mills Middle School, which is celebrating its 50th year.

With the Board of Education's capital plan, Oakland Mills High School, which is also in its 50th year, has been set as a clear priority to HCPSS and I do not want to see OMHS fall off the improvement plan again. With your support of this capital plan, Oakland Mills students, educators, and community members will no longer carry 20 percent of the deferred capital maintenance burden for the Howard County Public School System.

Thank you for your continued support to improve our school infrastructure.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Mahajan  
Oakland Mills parent

**From:** [Lisa Connelly-Duggan](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Subject:** Omhs and omms renovations  
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Please fund!!!! Not equitable for us to continue to be passed over year after year!

Please!!!

**From:** [Jeanene Federlein Smail](#)  
**To:** [CouncilMail](#)  
**Date:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 1:59:18 PM

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Hello,

I am writing in regards to the renovation and addition process for Oakland Mills Middle. Please FUND this project. I know the vote is tonight!!

We love living in Columbia, despite the high cost of living and taxes. We have two children, one going to OMMS next year and one a few years later. I work for MCPS and go into many schools daily as an itinerant teacher for special needs. I am shocked at the state of OMMS and HS.

Let's send the message that we care about ALL of our students in Howard Co, not just the high income, white areas. We are a white family, but feel blessed to live in an area of diversity, however we still feel and see the disparity that race brings, even in Howard County. Schools like Centennial and other high income areas should NOT be chosen first over this project! nor should a football field. These students deserve a better building to come to school in... we may not be River Hill or Clarksville, but these students should be treated the same.

I have been in OMMS and HS and these buildings are so run down and depressing to look at and be inside. Can you imagine going to school there every day? This is 2023, these schools look like the 1970's. It has the feel of a prison not a school that I'd want to attend daily to learn in.

We pay \$7000 a year in taxes! Where is this money going if not into our schools that our children will be attending?

We are proud of living in HoCo and I want the children that go to those schools to feel proud too! Put the money (our tax dollars) into funding this renovation project.

Thank you for your support and your time,

Jeanene Smail