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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 1

Transfer of Appropriation Ordinance

No. 1 - Fiscal Year 2026

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short title: Transferring \$7,600,000 – E1036 – Oakland Mills Middle School Addition and Renovation

Title: AN ACT transferring \$7,600,000 from various School System capital projects to capital project E1036, Oakland Mills Middle School Addition and Renovation, in order to address a budget shortfall on that project.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2026. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2026.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2026 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments ____, Failed ____.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ____ day of _____, 2026 at ____ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2026

Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 609 of the Howard County Charter authorizes and empowers
2 the Howard County Council to make interproject transfers of appropriations between capital
3 projects in the capital budget and such transfers may be authorized by legislative act of the
4 Council upon request of the Executive; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, on May 21, 2025, the County Council passed Council Bill No. 36-2025
7 that adopted the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, there is a budget shortfall in Capital Project E1036, Oakland Mills
10 Middle School Addition and Renovation (“E1036”), that was realized after the receipt of
11 construction bids; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education and Superintendent of the Howard County
14 Public School System (“HCPSS”) have identified that funding is available from Capital
15 Project, E1058, Systemic Renovations and Modernizations (“E1058”); and

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17 **WHEREAS**, there was a reduction in State Aid funding after the passage of the
18 Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget and, by the passage of Council Bill No. 63-2025, the
19 amount of State-Aid funding was reduced by \$587,000 in Capital Project E1058; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, despite the reduction in State-Aid funding to E1058, County bond
22 funding is available to transfer to E1036; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, specifically, within E1058, funding is available from HVAC
25 replacement for Lime Kiln Middle School and St. John’s Lane Elementary School; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, HCPSS has indicated that the funds are available for transfer from the
28 respective projects.

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30 ***Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that, subject***
31 ***to the provisions of Maryland law, the Howard County Charter, and the Howard County***

Code relating to budgetary and fiscal procedures, the amount hereafter specified is hereby approved, appropriated, and authorized to be disbursed for the general County purposes specified and in sums itemized for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, as hereinafter indicated:

Donor Project:

E1058 Systemic Renovations and Modernization

Appropriation before transfer	\$147,602,000	
Less amount transferred to E1036 from Lime		
Kiln MS	(\$3,800,000)	(County Bonds)
Less amount transferred to E1036 from St. John's		
Lane ES – HVAC Replacement	<u>(\$3,800,000)</u>	(County Bonds)
Appropriation after transfer	\$140,002,000	

Recipient Project:

E1036- Oakland Mills Middle School Addition and Renovation

Appropriation before transfer	\$39,017,000	
Plus amount transferred from E1058	<u>\$7,600,000</u>	(County Bonds)
Appropriation after transfer	\$46,617,000	

Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that this Transfer of Appropriation Ordinance shall be effective upon its enactment.