

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2020, Legislative Day No. 30

Resolution No. 46-20

Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, November 2, 2020

1 RESOLUTION supporting the Anne Arundel County Board of Education's Fiscal Year
2 2022 Public School Construction Capital Improvement Program request for submission to
3 the Interagency Commission on School Construction
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5 WHEREAS, § 5-302 of the Education Article of the State Code provides that the
6 Interagency Commission on School Construction shall prepare projections of
7 school construction and capital improvement needs for the purpose of allocating
8 State school construction funds to local boards of education; and
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10 WHEREAS, the rules, regulations, and procedures of the Interagency Commission
11 on School Construction require that each local board of education annually submit
12 to the Interagency Commission on School Construction an updated capital
13 improvement program request for the following fiscal year, and for the ensuing five
14 fiscal years, which shall be accompanied by written local governmental support;
15 and
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17 WHEREAS, the County Executive supports the County Board of Education's
18 Fiscal Year 2022 Public School Construction Capital Improvement Program
19 Request for submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction,
20 and refers this support for submission to the County Council for confirmation; and
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22 WHEREAS, the attached letter from the County Executive to the Executive
23 Director of the Interagency Commission on School Construction formally
24 expresses this support; now, therefore, be it
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26 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby
27 confirms the County Executive's support and letter of support for the Fiscal Year 2022
28 School Construction Capital Improvement Program Request of the Anne Arundel
29 County Board of Education for submission to the Interagency Commission on School
30 Construction, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and be it further
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32 *Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Stuart
33 Pittman; and to ~~Terry Gilleland~~ Michelle Corkadel, President of the Anne Arundel
34 County Board of Education.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED: November 16, 2020

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates amendments to the resolution.
~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter stricken from the resolution by amendment.

READ AND PASSED this 16th day of November, 2020.

By Order:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JoAnne Gray".

JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 46-20, AS AMENDED, IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allison M. Pickard".

Allison M. Pickard
Chair



Office of the County Executive
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October 23, 2020

Mr. Robert A. Gorrell
Executive Director
Maryland State Department of Education
Interagency Commission on School Construction
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Mr. Gorrell:

The Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Public School Construction Capital Improvement Program (PSC CIP) request, as submitted to the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) by the Anne Arundel County Local Education Authority (AAC LEA), has been received and reviewed by County Government.

In accordance with procedures set forth by the IAC, written local government support for the PSC CIP request and any subsequent amendments to that request is required by 11/30/20. I support the FY22 PSC CIP request to be submitted to the IAC by the AAC LEA earlier this month, and urge your recommendation of State funding for all FY22 requests presented therein.

As you are aware, the Board of Education's official request for FY22 local funding will not be submitted to the County until March of 2021. The County Charter requires a budget process that provides final approval in June of 2021. It should be noted that despite the fact that State aid amounts to less than one-quarter of the total approved CIP, I am aware of no instances where the County has not supported a Board of Education project that has been approved for funding by the State.

The general guidelines outlined in section 102.1.A.1.a. and b. of the PSC CIP procedures manual are well put. Accordingly, it must be emphasized that County support for the FY22 PSC CIP request submitted by the AAC LEA is similarly prioritized in light of the "anticipated availability of both local and State funds" and the recognition that "local capital needs for school construction projects far exceed both local and State resources."

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The priority requests submitted by the AAC LEA, accounting for \$65.5 million (the entire PSC CIP request for FY22), has already been fully supported by prior approved (FY21 and prior) appropriation authority provided by the County to the Anne Arundel County Board of Education. In other words, County funding has already been made available to the County Board of Education to spend on these projects. These requests should take precedence over any remaining requests.

As a general rule, the County supports the relative priorities assigned by the AAC LEA, as applied within the confines of these three overriding priority bands. A listing of the entire PSC CIP request for FY22, presented in the context of these three overriding priority bands, is attached.

I appreciate your continued support of our efforts to deliver quality public education to the children of Anne Arundel County.

Sincerely,



Steuart Pittman
County Executive

cc: Allison M. Pickard, Chairperson, County Council
Members, County Council
Michelle Corkadel, President, Board of Education
Members, Board of Education
George Arlotto, Superintendent of Schools