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## **HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECEIVES SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM**

In the fall of 2013, the Board of Education of Harford County (Board) submitted a Capital Improvements Program request in the amount of \$14,240,000 to the Maryland Public School Construction Program, which included funding for four heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) projects in schools throughout the county; construction funding for the replacement of Youth's Benefit Elementary School; and planning approval for the replacement of Havre de Grace Middle/High schools; and limited renovation at Joppatowne High School.

Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) is pleased to announce that the Interagency Committee (IAC) on Public School Construction recommended approval of the following projects:

- Funding for HVAC projects at Fallston High, Dublin Elementary and Darlington Elementary schools;
- Phase I construction funding for the Youth's Benefit Elementary School replacement project; and
- Planning approval for the Havre de Grace Middle/High School replacement project.

Superintendent Barbara Canavan said, "I am grateful to the IAC for recognizing that these projects are integral to advancing individual student achievement and the critical role our community plays in educating our children."

The financial commitment recommended by the IAC totals \$12,986,000, with the potential of additional funds being approved at the conclusion of the Maryland General Assembly legislation session.

Through the collective efforts of the County Executive and his staff, the Mayor of Havre de Grace and his staff, members of the Harford County Delegation, the Harford County Council, the HCPS staff and the Board of Education, the school system was able to justify planning approval for the Havre de Grace Middle/High School replacement project.

HCPS would also like to thank parents and community members who advocated passionately for all of the proposed projects.

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