

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION SPONSORED PROJECT

**BEL AIR MIDDLE SCHOOL
KILN REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

JUNE 7, 2021

Background Information:

The Harford County Public Schools Fine Arts Office is requesting approval to purchase and install a brand-new kiln to replace a 60+ year old kiln at Bel Air Middle School (BAMS). The new kiln is energy efficient and is also safer than the older kiln. The new kiln is within direct support of the middle school fine arts curriculum.

Discussion:

The work of this project will be performed by a licensed contractor. The project will be funded entirely by a MSDE Fine Arts Grant, and procurement guidelines will be followed. The work will be managed by Laura Crocker, Specialist for Fine Arts and BAMS staff members. Observation and inspection will be performed by the HCPS Facilities Department and the Harford County Government's Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits to ensure compliance with codes and standards.

The necessary documentation has been submitted and reviewed by the appropriate school system staff, with comments through the Assistant Superintendent for Operations, as required by school system procedures. The estimated cost associated with this project is \$5,784.00.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the request by the HCPS Fine Arts Office to purchase and install a brand-new kiln at BAMS. The estimated cost for the project at Bel Air Middle School is \$5,784.00.