BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

DECISION ON

SURPLUS OF BOARD PROPERTY KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS PROPOSED PARCEL 2 HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TAX MAP 0065, PART OF PARCEL 0897 EDGEWOOD, HARFORD COUNTY MARYLAND

September 8, 2025

Background Information:

The Board owns approximately 32.85 acres, more or less, of land on which is located the Edgewood Elementary School, outdoor school grounds and playgrounds, a community center boys & girls club, ball fields, and tennis courts that have been used as a *de facto* skatepark, and other outdoor land, all of which is surrounded and enclosed by Cedar Drive in Edgewood, Maryland. The non-profit non-governmental organization known as 755 Alliance, Inc., is desirous of improving the Edgewood community and providing activities for youth and adults living in the community. The *de facto* skatepark has been operating on what originally served as school property tennis courts owned by the Board. The skatepark is located on a portion of the school property that is separated from the school by ballfields and outdoor playground areas. The County and 755 Alliance have worked collaboratively to fund, renovate and rebuild the skatepark on the property.

Discussion:

Section 4-115 of the Education Article of the Maryland Annotated Code and related Maryland State Board of Education regulations, and Maryland State Department of Education procedures mandate that before a local board of education may transfer ownership of real property, the local board must find that the real property is no longer needed for school purposes. Further, Section 4-115 requires that in the event of any such transfer, the real property must be conveyed to the local county government.

Harford County Government and Harford County Public Schools have already entered into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOU"). This is the next step in the process of the Board declaring the Property as surplus property and agreeing to convey the Property to the County so that the County may own, operate and maintain a Skatepark as a separate property adjacent to the Edgewood Elementary School property.

Superintendent's Recommendations:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that, for the reasons explained above, the Board of Education declare the Subject Property surplus pursuant to section 4-115 of the

Education Article of the Maryland Code and authorize the Superintendent to execute, on behalf of the Board, such deed and/or other documents as may be necessary to convey the subject property to Harford County, Maryland, in fee simple.

Attachments:

1. Subdivision Plat Dated August 13, 2025 (2.0000 Acres or 87,120 square feet)