

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**DECISION ON**

**SURPLUS OF BOARD PROPERTY  
KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ITEM No. 120119  
HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TAX MAP 8, PART OF PARCEL 137  
WHITE HALL, HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**September 8, 2025**

Background Information:

The Board owns approximately 15 acres, more or less, of land on which the Norrisville Elementary School is located, outdoor school grounds and playgrounds, ball fields, tennis courts and other outdoor land, all of which are adjacent to the planned Norrisville Park. The County and the Parks and Recreation Department have worked collaboratively to fund and create Norrisville Park adjacent to the school property in cooperation with Harford County Public Schools. The proposed improvements align Maryland 136 (Harkins Road) with Norrisville Elementary School driveway and provide HCPS with nine (9) additional parking spaces located in the front of the school.

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 Parks and Recreation and Harford County Public Schools have a long, successful history of working together and partnering on projects jointly. The State Highway Administration (SHA), as part of the Norrisville Park project is requiring a right of way for road improvements as part of the Norrisville Park Project, which requires the Harford County Public School Board to declare the property as surplus property and agreeing to convey the property to the County so that the County may in turn enter into a Right of Way Agreement with SHA.

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. SHA Donation Plat dated July 31, 2025 (0.243 Acres or 10,590 square feet)
2. Letter from State Highway Administration (SHA) dated July 31, 2025