

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**  
**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**  
**DECISION ON**  
**THE 2026 EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES MASTER PLAN**

**June 01, 2026**

**June 22, 2026**

Background Information:

The Rules, Regulations and Procedures for the Administration of the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) require that each Local Education Agency (LEA), submit annually, an amended copy of the Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP) by July 1, 2026.

Discussion:

The Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP) is a planning tool that addresses the LEA's projected facility needs. Developed in coordination with HCPS stakeholders and Harford County Government, the plan is reviewed and updated annually. The 2026 EFMP includes all required State elements and has been reviewed by appropriate school system personnel. The plan was presented to the Board of Education on June 1, 2026, for discussion of facility needs, funding outlook, and long-term capital priorities. The Capital Improvement Projects identified in the EFMP serve as the basis for the FY27 Capital Improvement Program.

The State of Maryland conducts facility assessments of all public schools, providing updated data on facility conditions. HCPS uses this information, along with identified facility needs, enrollment and capacity demands, Blueprint for Maryland's Future requirements, and anticipated funding levels, to evaluate and update capital improvement priorities. HCPS continues to face multiple capital needs across the school system. During the Board presentation, staff discussed anticipated State and local funding levels and the potential impacts on the long-term capital plan.

The information, analysis, and conclusions contained in the EFMP serve as a guide for establishing priorities within the Capital Improvement Program and support informed decision-making regarding future facility investments.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the 2026 Educational Facilities Master Plan for State submission.