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CONFIDENTIAL  
MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Michael J. Martirano, Ed.D  
Interim Superintendent

Subject: State Local Planning Approval

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that State Local Planning Approval (LP) for Talbott Springs Elementary School (TSES) and High School #13 (HS #13) was deferred by the State as submitted in our FY 2019 State Capital Improvement Program (CIP). To be eligible for State Construction Funding, all major projects must have State LP Approval by the Interagency Committee (IAC) in an approved annual State CIP or amendment thereto. New schools must also have received site approval from the IAC.

A Local Education Agency (LEA) may choose to continue to plan a project, with local county funds, even if State LP has not been received. State LP and State Construction Funding can be requested in the same budget year. HCPSS will request both State LP and State Construction Funding for both TSES and HS #13 in the FY 2020 State CIP submission. While State LP Approval represents a commitment of future state funding, State LP Approval cannot be interpreted as a guarantee that state funding will be allocated in any specific future fiscal year, since funding depends on the availability of state resources.

A LEA must be prepared to completely fund projects with local county funds or defer projects until such time when local county and/or state funding can be secured. This would result in the need for revisions to the capital budget to modify project order and/or project schedules to align with county funding affordability.

The IAC recommended State LP for only for (4) projects statewide in the FY 2019 State CIP. These include three (3) major projects in Anne Arundel County and one (1) kindergarten/pre-kindergarten project in Washington County.

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Gist, Executive Director of School Planning and Operations.

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