



October 29, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

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

Subject: Talbott Springs Elementary School - Replacement

The purpose of this memorandum is to update you regarding the Talbott Springs ES Revised Feasibility Study. This study was submitted to the Designees of the Interagency Commission on School Construction on October 18, 2018.

Based on direction given by the Board, the Offices of School Planning and Construction re-evaluated and redesigned the renovation/addition and replacement schemes, as well as addressed the issues outlined in the State's correspondence. After reviewing the study, the designees have reversed their earlier decision and now support the Board's decision to build a replacement school. (See Attachment.)

The project received State local planning approval as a renovation/addition project in the FY 2019 State Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). When the Howard County Public School System requests funding approval in the FY 2021 State CIP, the project can be requested as a replacement school with State funding, based on new construction costs.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott W. Washington, Director of Capital Planning and Construction at 410.313.6807.

Attachment

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Mr. Scott Washington
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Re: Talbott Springs Elementary School
PSC: 13.007.19LP

Dear Mr. Washington,

The Designees for the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) reviewed the revised feasibility study for Talbott Springs Elementary School, received on October 18, 2018 and prepared by TCA Architects. The Designees agreed on October 26, 2018 to support Howard County Public School System's preferred option to construct a replacement school on the same site and demolish the existing building.

The revised feasibility study better right-sizes the replacement building and reflects the cost impact to truly accommodate the required program in the existing facility. The preferred option presented shows a 84,625 gross square foot replacement facility for a local design capacity of 613 students and an estimated State Rated Capacity of 631 students. A replacement school was shown to be the less costly option to construct and maintain over the life of the facility. It also provided a safer student drop off, an upgraded thermal envelope, and natural light to all classrooms. In addition, a multi-phased, occupied renovation/addition project would have a decidedly disruptive impact on the high-needs population of the school.

This project was approved for local planning as a renovation/addition by the IAC on May 31, 2018 in the Capital Improvement Plan for Funding Year 2019. Should HCPSS request funding approval for this project in the future, it can be requested as a replacement project with State funding based on new construction costs, current enrollment projections, capacities at adjacent schools, and the square footage formula.

The Maryland State Department of Education staff is available to work with you to proceed with this project. Please contact Jillian Storms at 410-767-0615 or jillian.storms@maryland.gov. She will be happy to assist you

Sincerely,

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