

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
SECRETARY'S
ACTION AGENDA
May 11, 2016**

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**20. STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM
*Public School Construction Capital Improvement Program – Fiscal Year 2017***

Recommendation: The Interagency Committee on School Construction recommends that the Board of Public Works approve the State School Construction Program for Fiscal Year 2017. The Interagency Committee recommends a total Statewide program of approximately \$368.403 million.

The proposed \$368.403 million program comprises:

- Approximately \$210 million in FY 2017 funds previously approved by the Board of Public Works (Secretary's Item 10 [1/27/16]); and
- Additional recommendations for specific projects in the approximate amount of \$158.403 million.

The propose program is to be funded by \$280 million from a new bond authorization, \$45 million in reverted funds from the Statewide Contingency Account, and \$43.4 million from the FY 2016 and FY 2017 Supplemental Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems.

Background: The Interagency Committee has considered each local school system's capital improvement school construction program request for Fiscal Year 2017. After evaluation, including discussion between local representatives and Interagency Committee staff, the Interagency Committee recommends a FY 2017 Program that:

- Reflects local priorities, recognizing projects that address the mandates of the Bridge to Excellence in Education Act, urgent major projects that require a high level of State commitment to move forward, and systemic renovation projects that extend the useful life of facilities.
- Takes into account the capacity of the local educational agencies to implement the approved projects and to maintain schools at the level expected by the Interagency Committee and the Board of Public Works, as verified through the IAC Maintenance Inspection Program.
- Provides a funding allocation for eligible projects at the Maryland School for the Blind.
- Includes planning approval for major projects and for projects that address the Bridge to Excellence requirements for full-day kindergarten and for pre-kindergarten for disadvantaged four-year olds. Planning approvals are recommended in accordance with the *Regulations for the Administration of the Public School Construction Program*.
- Provides funds for the outsourcing of design reviews for State-funded projects by the Department of General Services.

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**20. STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (cont'd)
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Fund Sources:

MCCBL of 2016 (Chapter 27):	\$280,000,000
FY 2017 Supplemental Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems	\$30,320,000*
FY 2016 Supplemental Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems	\$13,090,000**
Statewide Contingency Account	<u>\$44,992,558</u>

Total \$368,402,558

- * \$6.91 million of the 2015 Supplemental Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems was previously allocated for two projects (Secretary's Item 11 [11/4/15])
- ** \$9.68 million of the 2016 Supplemental Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems remains unallocated and is reserved for Dorchester County Public Schools and Prince George's County Public Schools.

Authority: Sections 5-301 and 5-313 of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 23.03.02.03C(3).

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THIS ITEM WAS:

APPROVED*

DISAPPROVED

DEFERRED

WITHDRAWN

WITH DISCUSSION

WITHOUT DISCUSSION

* The following two conditions are placed on the approval of the Fiscal 2017 Public School Construction Capital Improvement Program allocations.

- (1) \$10 million of the total Baltimore County Public Schools allocation is to be withheld until the System returns to the Board of Public Works with a plan to install air-conditioners in all un-air conditioned classrooms by the beginning of next school year (2016-2017); and
- (2) \$5 million of the total Baltimore City Public Schools allocation is to be withheld until the System returns to the Board of Public Works with a plan to install air-conditioners in all un-air conditioned classrooms by the beginning of next school year (2016-2017).

APPROVED 2-1; Treasurer voted No.

In addition, the Board directed Dr. David Lever and the IAC to move forward immediately with the regularly-scheduled audit of Howard County schools, including steps to investigate mold and maintenance issues.

APPROVED 3-0.