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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning, everybody.

ALL: Good morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Welcome to the Board of Public Works.

We, we've got a full schedule today, with local school systems coming in. So I'm going to just start right in without any remarks, turn it over to my colleagues for any opening remarks. Madam Treasurer?

TREASURER KOPP: Good morning on this beautiful day, finally, at last. I'm not a summer person.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: Yes. Things are beautiful. I want to just say in passing I was pleased that yesterday at the Legislature's Spending Affordability Committee it showed that we're in a lot better shape than we thought we would be, thanks in part to taking action, this Board taking action in the beginning of the fiscal year to make some necessary basically technical cuts, but necessary cuts; the premiums that have been contributed by people who know the wisdom of investing in Maryland State bonds, AAA-rated bonds; and some good news from the revenue folks.

I do have to say, however, that I share the concern that was voiced there about the impact of what's going on in Washington on the State of

Maryland, both in terms of healthcare spending, whether there's going to be a tremendous and negative impact on our Medicaid and our health sector which is so important to the economy, a driver of the economy. And whatever is happening with tax negotiations. I know the Comptroller's office is watching very carefully because depending on what they do, it's one thing to cut taxes, it's another thing to make significant changes in the tax system and render it impossible for the State actually to collect taxes. And finally the impact that we're beginning to see of the growth, the exponential growth of the internet market, the part of the internet market that's not taxed. Folks who are buying things but not paying sales tax.

So I think it was an encouraging but pretty sobering report.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Let me just say that our Health Secretary is working very hard --

TREASURER KOPP: Yes.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- on many of those issues, even though he hasn't been paid since April.

TREASURER KOPP: Right.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: He's volunteering for the people of Maryland.

TREASURER KOPP: He's a fine man.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Mr. Comptroller?

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you, Governor. And thank you, Madam Treasurer. I just wanted to say this morning how pleased I am that this Board as part of its statutory responsibility to oversee the State's Public School Construction Program will have the opportunity to hear from our 24 school systems and understand their capital improvement needs and priorities for fiscal year 2019.

And contrary to what some downstairs believe, today's meeting is not only an appropriate exercise of the Board's oversight role and authority in the school construction process, but it's also very beneficial for our school officials because they have a chance to make their case before this Board about their capital needs at the beginning of the budget process instead of at the back end. And today's meeting, as is the case with all meetings of the Board of Public Works, the meeting is open to the public today. It is livestreamed. All eight of you there watching --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- and the meeting is transcribed. Instead of a meeting that no one knows about being conducted in an unmarked room, somewhere in the State House complex. We value transparency, accountability, and open government. And those values have been synonymous with the important work that the Board of Public Works has done for the citizens

of our great State. And those three attributes are even more important when decisions are made that impact the education of our children.

We have a lot of issues to discuss, from air conditioning, to maintenance and safety issues, to over-enrollment, under-enrollment at some schools. And I look forward to having these discussions in this open and transparent forum so we can ensure that the concerns that have been raised by parents, students, and teachers do not fall on deaf ears.

So Governor, I know today's presentations will be very informative and beneficial for this Board and for our LEAs. I'd like to thank you for your commitment to maintaining the Board's vital role in the school construction process.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Mr. Comptroller. So we actually have a regular Board of Public Works --

TREASURER KOPP: Yes.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- meeting we're going to do very quickly.

TREASURER KOPP: That comes later, I think.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Before we get to the school construction hearing. So let's go ahead and get started with the Secretary's Agenda.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Good morning, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We're going to try to move through it quickly because we've got so many folks here today on so many topics.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. We have eight items on the Secretary's Agenda this morning. We have one report of emergency procurement. We're going to hold Item 7, the public school construction item, until the end of the meeting but we're ready on the other items and the emergency report.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions other than the school construction?

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah, I have a question about number two.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Number two. I think I saw Secretary Holt here. This is a Department of Housing and Community Development, the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative, which is the grant of general obligation bond proceeds to quite a number of projects.

TREASURER KOPP: It looks --

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Secretary Holt is here.

TREASURER KOPP: It actually looks like a very interesting and very good project. Yeah, could you just --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you for highlighting it.

MR. HOLT: Good morning, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, Governor. I'm Ken Holt, Secretary of the Department of Housing and

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Community Development. This is one of our great programs. At the outset of this administration we had 33 applications for the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative. Last year, we reviewed 73 applications.

We've funded about \$6 million each year. This past year we had \$8 million to fund. And the purposes are very widespread. In one county, I won't tell you just where, we had a rodent control problem that we resolved. And but it's a whole variety of down payment assistance to attract homeownership in some of our lower and moderate income neighborhoods. There's a lot of blight remediation, taking care of vacants. In Baltimore City there were artists that were working in sort of an underground artists colony and when there was a fire in Oakland maybe a year or so ago and a number of these artists were killed in the fire, there was concern that our colony of artists in Baltimore City were living in substandard or performing in substandard facilities. So BRNI is providing capital to upgrade all those facilities to the proper code.

It's just a remarkably wonderful program. I compliment all of you on supporting it and I encourage your support today.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

TREASURER KOPP: Thank you. It --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah --

MR. HOLT: Yes?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Do you have questions?

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TREASURER KOPP: Yeah, I just have one question about a project which apparently didn't make the list, the CASA program for Baltimore Regional Education and Training Center. And I know there are many more demands than --

MR. HOLT: Right.

TREASURER KOPP: -- funds available. And the list that you showed us, you sent us, was very, very impressive. The question is how can we work to get this project, if not through this program, through some other program? And --

MR. HOLT: We've reached out to the organization and we'll have follow-on discussions with them. And we'll address their needs.

TREASURER KOPP: That's great. I think it shows what a relatively small amount of money, I mean, the rodent eradication project has a tremendous impact on a community. Little things that really help bring a community together and build it. I, Ken, I think this --

MR. HOLT: Absolutely.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

MR. HOLT: Yes?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I'd like to associate myself with the remarks of the Treasurer and compliment you on this \$8 million general obligation bond proceeds going to the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood

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Initiative. I've had a chance to look at the list. There are many wonderful projects. Obviously, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Baltimore City, these are going to receive these funds.

I'd like to mention just a few: \$200,000 for the restoration of the Playhouse Theater in the Remington neighborhood, which is a fabulous, you know, mix of new development, new residents, and frankly is a model I think for lots of neighborhoods in the City; \$400,000 for the construction of single family homes in West Baltimore; \$100,000 for grants to improve Dundalk's Main Street. All of the projects and programs this initiative supports, totaling nearly 40 for this fiscal year, will improve the quality of life of residents in these communities and neighborhoods.

Governor, I'm very supportive of this initiative. I just want to compliment and thank the Department of Housing and Community Development for spearheading this terrific program. And just piggybacking on what the Treasurer mentioned, I personally appreciate you taking a look at some of the projects that may need some amendments in order to, you know, get put on the list down the road.

MR. HOLT: Absolutely.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So thank you for what you're doing and job well done.

MR. HOLT: Thank you. I appreciate it.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you for the compliments for Secretary Holt. He and his department are doing a great job so thank you very much, Mr. Secretary.

MR. HOLT: Thank you. I appreciate it. Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: Could I just say that before Secretary Holt was Secretary Holt, he was Delegate Holt and did an outstanding job then, too.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Delegate Holt.

MR. HOLT: And she was my committee chair.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: He was very good.

MR. HOLT: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Delegates rank a lot higher with this Board than Senators. Oh no --

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: Well he was --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: It depends on the Senator, but he was a Delegate.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any further questions on the Secretary's Agenda? Is there a motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Is there a second? Three-nothing. We'll move on to the DNR Real Property Agenda.

MS. THROWE: Good morning, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, and Governor Hogan. I am, for the record, I am Deputy Secretary Joanne Throwe here representing the Department of Natural Resources. We have three items on our Agenda today. I'm happy to take any questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions? Is there a motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing. We'll move on to DBM.

MR. BRINKLEY: Good morning, Governor --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MR. BRINKLEY: -- Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. For a change, DBM has one item on your Agenda and that one item has been modified. And I --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Did you guys take the month off or --

MR. BRINKLEY: We're trying to clean everything up.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: One item. Any questions on the one item?

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Is there a motion?

TREASURER KOPP: I have a, can you just talk very briefly about, this is the Office of Crime Control --

MR. BRINKLEY: Yes. Jeffrey Zuback or April Dukes?

TREASURER KOPP: I'm sorry.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Is there questions on it?

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah. I just, I would just like to understand specifically. I'm sorry. I got this a little late --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's okay.

TREASURER KOPP: -- and I just, I have no issue with it, no problem with it.

MR. ZUBACK: Do you just want a brief overview of what the project is?

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah. In fact it looks like we are trying to do the best we can to get our programs based on actual studies, actual numbers, going out and doing a serious study. And I just think it's worth hearing a very little bit about.

MR. ZUBACK: Sure. Good morning, Mr. Governor and the Board. I'm Jeffrey Zuback, Chief of Research and Analysis. This is a grant that we put in. It's funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics and it helps look at administrative data to determine what predicts recidivism or desistance from

crime over a sample of populations in the State. So I think it will really help. Whatever findings we get from this study will really help the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention prioritize where we're going to fund programs to help reduce recidivism and really help improve public safety in the State.

TREASURER KOPP: That was really my question, is that once you get the study done, and it looks like a pretty thorough study, the intent then is to work it into the system so you actually have programmatic changes, improvements that are based on real numbers?

MR. ZUBACK: That is correct. We want to use all the data to help drive our policy and funding decision making.

TREASURER KOPP: And when -- this is a multi-year contract. When do you think you'll begin to get some numbers rolling in?

MR. ZUBACK: Probably in year two of the study. I think the first year of the study is really developing, going through the data. And then we'll, you know, start to see results within the next year.

TREASURER KOPP: I think that's excellent. I think it's a great direction. Thank you.

MR. ZUBACK: Thank you very much.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing. Now we're going to move on to the University System Agenda. And I know that we have some folks signed up for Item 6. We have President Wallace Loh here this morning; Ken Ullman, who is the President of Terrapin Development Corp; Carlo Colella, the University Vice President of Administration and Finance; and we have our distinguished Senator who represents that district, Jim Rosapepe. And we have Joe.

(Laughter.)

MR. EVANS: Good morning --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Usually Joe comes by himself, but he brought a big team with him today.

MR. EVANS: Good morning. Joe Evans representing the University System of Maryland. We have six items on the Agenda. We're here to answer any questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I have questions on Item 4.

MR. EVANS: Okay. It's the marketing one from UB.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So we're being asked to approve a not-to-exceed five-year contract for the amount of \$4 million to a group called Fuseideas in Winchester, Massachusetts. According to the background materials, this is the second time the University of Baltimore is coming before the Board

requesting approval for a contract to perform marketing and advertising services. The Board initially approved a contract to 160over90, a company, on August 16, 2017 and according to the University that contract was terminated due to, I quote, “disputes over standard contract terms and conditions that were not resolved.”

It’s my understanding that one of the main reasons why the University initially selected 160over90 is because of the contractor’s previous experience, and I’m assuming it was a good experience, with several Maryland higher ed institutions. Mr. Evans, could you tell us what other USM institutions have contracted with 160over90 in the past? And correct me if I’m wrong, but those USM institutions had at the very least a satisfactory working relationship with 160over90? And I’m just trying to understand what happened here between UB and 160over90.

MR. EVANS: Okay. I have Blair Blankenship who is the Director of Procurement for University of Baltimore.

MR. BLANKENSHIP: One of the institutions that they had contracted with was actually Johns Hopkins and do you remember the --

MS. REID: Loyola.

MR. BLANKENSHIP: So, which are private institutions and don’t have necessarily the same structure of their contract terms and conditions nor necessarily the same rigor in which they enforce which contract terms and conditions they can modify. When we got into the initial process of beginning to

work with them it was clear that they wanted modifications to contract terms that with the advice of the Attorney General's Office we just couldn't accept. And so we never actually signed the contract with them.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So why did you bring it before the Board of Public Works for our approval?

MR. BLANKENSHIP: Well we had no idea that they were going to later bring these requests for modifications to significant terms and conditions in the contract. It was a total surprise to us.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well that's a, I have to admit in 11 years that's the first time I've heard of a contract not being finalized yet brought before us for approval. So I in a nice way offer that to my colleagues as something not, I hope we don't see it again in the future.

MR. BLANKENSHIP: I certainly agree. And we were very surprised that they walked away from the contract and, you know, the copy of the contract was included in the request for proposals. They had ample time to review those terms and conditions and make a decision.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, but this is your responsibility --

MR. BLANKENSHIP: It is.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- to bring us a finalized contract and I'm just suggesting that it's pretty drastic to not have that move forward. But I, thank you very much, Governor and Treasurer, and --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

MR. BLANKENSHIP: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other questions before we bring up the folks for Item 6 that have all taken time out of their schedules to come and address us? Who wants to go first? President Loh, I guess?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Oh boy. Here we go.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We might as well start at the top.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. Nice bow tie.

DR. LOH: Thank you. It's part of the uniform. Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, and Treasurer Kopp, thank you for this opportunity to speak very briefly about the proposal before you to declare these properties, ten of them, surplus so they can eventually be transferred to this LLC, this public-private partnership for real estate development.

I will say simply this. We are an educational institution engaged in education and research. We are not in the real estate business. However, we are in the business of innovation and entrepreneurship. Our vision is that beyond education and research, we have to translate the results of that research in order to

create new companies, create jobs, and be an engine for the economic vitality of the State.

In order to do that, however, we need to have real estate that we need to develop and to manage. And so what has happened for a long, long time, the vision that we have had of ourselves as a university is a college in the park. Our vision is that we are in the beautiful oasis, disconnected from the surrounding community. That vision has changed. So over the past five years or so, with the support of the State, and with the complete support of the local communities, we are now viewing ourselves as a University in the City of College Park and in the greater surrounding area of College Park. To create the vision is to be the hub for innovation and entrepreneurship for the entire Mid-Atlantic. What that means is we're creating new companies. We're bringing in new companies to this area. And for them to come, we need to have places for them to live. We need to have amenities. And in that process we will also enhance community development.

And one final word. To make sure that this mission of the University, to contribute to economic development, will outlast us here, that long after I'm gone as President, this will continue, we want to institutionalize it. And that's why we have set up this LLC that will enable us to do business at the speed of business and it will continue long after we are gone from our present positions. Thank you very much for considering.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well thank you, President Loh. And while you're there I just want to again congratulate you. It was such a pleasure to take part in the ceremony with the Clark Foundation investment of \$219 million into College Park. Actually it's probably the biggest day in the history of the University. And great work by everybody involved.

DR. LOH: And this is a great investment in the future of the people of the State of Maryland. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Okay. Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I just have a question for President Loh. I also share the Governor's high opinion of you and I particularly like the \$219 million. That's a great move forward into the future. And I'm very supportive of the Terrapin Development Corporation, the LLC you mentioned. You have former County Executive Ken Ulman, who is the, I guess the main staff person or board member or whatever his title might be. But he obviously has a lot of --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: President of Terrapin Development Corporation.

TREASURER KOPP: Hey.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: President? Oh wow. Okay. President. I like that. That's good. It has a nice ring to it. And so I have a lot of respect for Mr. Ulman, and I've met with Senator Rosapepe, who is obviously

very vigilant as far as the local participation that you mentioned. And I applaud all of the negotiations that have gone forward and have nothing but support and best wishes for this new initiative. And I agree with you. Probably none of us will be here when these things all perhaps bear fruit. But thank you for getting the ball rolling and your team for having a great program.

I have no problem with today's vote. But when the three properties out of the ten that are on your list come back to us I think 45 days from now for actual, an actual vote, I would importune you to protect the traditional responsibility of the Board of Public Works to oversee and vote on transfers of ownership and interest in those properties that have been moved to the LLC. And I say that not out of any disrespect for anyone involved in the University or College Park or anywhere. I'm just following up on what you said, which is, you know, some of us aren't going to be here when all of these things happen. And it's good to have an extra set of eyes. I can't imagine a developer in the country that would not like to come before the Board with the Governor, the Comptroller and the Treasurer obviously voting approval for something that you all have worked out. That would, in my opinion, be the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval and would also protect the normal protocol of the Board of Public Works in these types of transactions. So I view it as a friendly amendment, if you all could work that out somehow when you come back for the final vote. It really doesn't have anything to do with the merits of all of your activities. It has to do

with this particular institution. And thank you for listening to that. I look forward to you coming back for the final approval in 45 days or so. And I compliment Senator Rosapepe for having worked out something, having worked at the local level. No good deed goes unpunished at the local level sometimes because people feel so emotional about these things. And to the extent that you now have something that he and others in the delegation are supportive of, that's a feather in your cap. If you could let me put another feather in your cap 45 days from now, that would be great.

DR. LOH: Well this transformation of College Park that is now going on would not be possible without the close partnership with the State Senator and our local officials. So thank you very much. Thank you for sharing your perspective.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Don't forget us.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, President Loh. Maybe let's have the Senator. Do you have something you want to share with us, Senator Rosapepe?

SENATOR ROSAPEPE: I do. Yeah, I do. Thank you very, very much. And I apologize to everyone here on school construction for taking a little bit of time on this. But I do appreciate my two former colleagues and a former constituent of mine for giving me the time to share some thoughts on this.

I want to say first of all I'm here on behalf of Delegate Penamelnik and Delegate Barnes and Delegate Frush, the 21st Delegation totally focused on this over the past couple of, month or two. And I want to start off by thanking both the institution of the Board of Public Works and the three individuals on the Board of Public Works in the context of issues related to community development in College Park. Over the years, and frankly the Treasurer and the Comptroller have more memory of this because they've been here a little longer than the Governor does, the Board of Public Works has traditionally been an important ally of the City of College Park and the community in College Park in making sure that things work well for the community and the University. And so once again you are playing that role. And on behalf of the delegation and on behalf of the community I want to thank you institutionally and individually because we would not be here with this agreement without your leadership. So first of all, I want to thank all of you.

Secondly, I want to thank President Loh, Vice President Colella, President Ulman, and also a gentleman who is not here, or maybe he's here but I don't see him up front, and that's Ed Maginnis, who is the real estate guru on the campus who has really worked very hard to bring this about. They have been very focused, exactly as President Loh said and I agree with every word he said, that since he has become President the focus of the University has been to embrace the community instead of fearing the community. And the community

has embraced back. And the things you see and the things you don't see in College Park today are the result of that partnership. And I just, I want to mention one or two because the context of this is important.

Before President Loh came we had a big problem with the University getting agreement on the route for the Purple Line. It was a big problem. Within six months President Loh got the University in my judgment and I think the judgment of everyone who favors transit and wants to deal with these issues on the right side. And the Purple Line, we were at the groundbreaking together, it is going forward. President Loh had a big role in that. Not a lot of people talk about it but he had a big role in that, number one.

Number two is, and I know the Governor in particular is a big champion of charter schools. And one of the best charter schools in Maryland is College Park Academy, which was launched as a result of President Loh's leadership and the leadership of the Mayor of College Park. The ribbon cutting for the new building was three weeks ago, two weeks ago, something like that, built by St. John Company, under the direction of Carlo Colella, the Vice President for Finance. You're going to talk about school construction. As you know, the average cost of a new school in Maryland is \$46,000 per student. College Park Academy, a brand new school in University land, built by St. John, opened last week, \$13,400 per student. So I say that as a little bit of inspiration

for our friends coming in looking for how they can build more schools more quickly.

Representing a district which has a huge number of overcrowded schools, it's a very important issue for the 21st Delegation. So I apologize for making that little plug on school construction.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Maybe you can hang out for the rest of the day.

(Laughter.)

SENATOR ROSAPEPE: But back to the issue at hand. So the Terrapin Development Corporation, as President Loh said, is a very good idea. Everything he said I agree with. Is the University is a terrific educational institution. Real estate is not its core competence. They have done good things over the years. But this is going to make it much, much easier for them with their property and with other property they may acquire in the future in the City of College Park and close by to develop it in the interests of the community and of the University.

I want to emphasize, and I say this mostly for the record, this is a big deal. This is a little bit, for our little community in College Park, and Beltsville where the Governor used to live, and for University Park, and other areas, this is a little bit like when the State of Maryland in the 19th century helped capitalize the B&O Railroad. That was like a new idea. It was innovative.

What's going to happen with it? Well, the B&O Railroad had a big impact on the development of our State and frankly our country.

This Terrapin Development Corporation is going to be capitalized immediately with tens of millions of dollars. And if it's successful, which we all hope it will be, it can grow easily into a multi-hundred million dollar institution. Therefore, we all have an interest in it being run and succeeding in the right way. And so the issues that the City has been discussing with the University and that the delegation have been discussing with the University go a little bit to some of the issues that the Comptroller raised. Is just as Wall Street needs guardrails just like the biotech industry needs guardrails, real estate development needs guardrails.

And so basically what we have worked out, and you have a copy of it, I believe. I presume you have a copy of the agreement. Lays out processes that the delegation believes very strongly and the University, I'll let them speak for themselves but I think they agree, are appropriate to make sure, as President Loh said, that our successors, I have no fear at all that President Loh and Vice President Colella and President Ulman understand the interests of the community, are committed to it, and are going to make things happen the right way. But unfortunately, as he said, none of us live forever and this is a forever decision. So I won't go through the substance of the agreement. You have it before you. I would like it included in the record, obviously. The point is that it is designed to

make sure that as Terrapin Development Corporation operates it is doing so, again I will quote the Comptroller, with transparency but also with cooperation. So they are not surprising people with, oh, they've just acquired this property, who knew? Or they decide that they think they'd get a great rate of return on some kind of development at the corner of Route 1 and Campus Drive that might not be something that the other business people in the area, the other citizens in the area, might think was the right approach. So it provides a lot of transparency, a lot of cooperation.

It also addresses in part the Comptroller's issue because they are agreeing that for transfers of property, well, this vote and the next vote will be a transfer of property from the University to the Terrapin Development Corporation. If in the future the Terrapin Development Corporation transfers the properties to a third party, it would have to come back before the Board of Public Works. They've already agreed to that. And that's in this agreement. We pushed it in. It's a good thing. It may satisfy your issues. Please take a look at it. You know, welcome your thoughts on it.

The other thing it does that is less technical but really important, and I think a great demonstration of President Loh's and the University's commitment and respect for the City, is there are nine members of this governing board. They have already been appointed. Five of them were appointed by the University of Maryland Foundation. Five of them were appointed by the

President. Unfortunately in the first round none of them live in the City of College Park. In fact, none of them live in Prince George's County. And we all know real estate is about location, location, location. And so I think everyone agreed that going forward it would make sense to have some of that local expertise. And so we've agreed that when the next vacancy comes up among the President's appointments for non-employees of the University, that the City will recommend three candidates from the City for the President to consider. The President will still make the appointments but they will come from recommendations in the City, from the City. And we think that's a really big substantive step and symbolic demonstration of the kind of commitment that President Loh has made to the City.

With that, I strongly urge approval of this item. I'm happy to take questions. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Senator. Any questions of the Senator?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No. Just thank you very much for that presentation. Why don't we just save some time and put Rosapepe on the board? Is that possible? No, I, that's just --

SENATOR ROSAPEPE: No.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you for your advocacy.

SENATOR ROSAPEPE: Thank you very much.

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you for, Jim --

SENATOR ROSAPEPE: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- for your advocacy. And it's as usual very detailed. And I just, I look at the first item in the memorandum that you mentioned --

SENATOR ROSAPEPE: Right.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- and I see it does apply BPW approval for the initial sale of property. All I'm suggesting is including the normal language, which is, "and any transfer of interest," i.e., ground leases. That's, that would be, totally meet my concern which is not grounded in any individuals that are currently in this room. We're all going to be moving on. It's just making sure that the institutional oversight is preserved and I just wanted to thank you for this language that is there and Mr. President, if you could think about amending it with a few extra words, that would make everything very smooth coming down the road in 45 days. Governor, thank you for letting me get into the weeds there. It's an important issue for me.

SENATOR ROSAPEPE: Thank you very much.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Senator. Now we want to hear from Mr. Colella and Mr. Ulman, if you --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- anything that the Senator said.

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(Laughter.)

MR. ULMAN: Not at all. I just want to thank each and every one, each of you for taking the time to spend time on this. Your staffs have all been really gracious with their time. There's been a lot of back and forth. We have an agreement with the City, now an agreement with the 21st Delegation. I will just say anecdotally I just, I was telling the Comptroller I just got off a red-eye from Seattle, where I spent the last two days with the University of Washington and their team and talking about their collaboration with Amazon and Microsoft and what's going on in Seattle. And I just tell you, I'm more convinced than ever that the work that we're doing in partnership with the State, and your leadership, and Secretary Gill, and others, and the Legislature, what we're doing in College Park to create the innovation ecosystem, we're onto something big. And this vote and subsequent 45 days will enable us to act at the speed of business when we're attracting new companies and the amenities that are needed to continue to build that ecosystem. So --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great. Thank you very much for your efforts, Mr. Ulman.

TREASURER KOPP: Governor, I hate to just pile on. But I want to reiterate for the umpteenth time my support, strong support, and appreciation of the development of the TDC. I think you guys have done a terrific job that is going to serve the people of Maryland and the nation very well. The coming

together of the foundation and the University is a great, in managing the future, is a great step, one that is beneficial to both the University and the community. I don't think it would have happened without the folks who are sitting here. Mr. President, I agree with the Comptroller in his appreciation and strong support. I look forward to seeing it growing. Mr. President, I think you're going to do a great job. I thank you again for your tour of the area and I can't wait to see the thing start growing. And I too respect the role of the Board of Public Works and I hope the traditional role will be maintained, and on the other hand will not impinge upon the rights of the corporation or of the University or of the Foundation. I look forward to seeing things move fast.

MR. ULMAN: Thank you. And obviously --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's the way we like to see it.

MR. ULMAN: -- and while I'm here, you know, the hotel, which is now open, is open to a large extent because of the support of this Board in enabling the Foundation and the University to move forward with the anchor and the catalyst of this area. So thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Any other questions on the University System Agenda?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Is there a motion? Second? Three-nothing. Nice work.

MR. EVANS: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Now we're going to move on to Information Technology.

MR. BULLOCK: Good morning, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MR. BULLOCK: Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, for the record, my name is Albert Bullock, Assistant Secretary for Administration with the Department of Information Technology. Today we have three items on the Agenda and we have agency representatives here to answer any questions you may have.

TREASURER KOPP: While the population of College Park leaves.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah, we have Senator Rosapepe is making a lot of noise in the back of the room with his constituents.

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah, geez.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions on DoIT? Is there a motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

TREASURER KOPP: Second.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing. Department of Transportation?

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MR. RAHN: Good morning, Governor, Mr. Comptroller, Madam Treasurer. For the record, my name is Pete Rahn. I'm the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation. MDOT has five items for your consideration today.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Questions on Transportation?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Item 5, please.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Item 5.

MR. RAHN: Yes. If I can have --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Oh --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. Great. Terrific.

MR. SEDITAL: Good morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MR. SEDITAL: Mr. Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, for the record my name is Joseph Sedital. I am the Deputy Director of Procurement at the MTA. And I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Great. So this is about commuter bus services between Baltimore City and Harford County.

MR. SEDITAL: Yes, sir.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Help me understand why it's so difficult to attract competitive bids for this contract.

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MR. SEDITAL: Well part of it is it's a relatively small route. We're talking about going from Johns Hopkins Hospital, down to the Convention Center, over to Camden Yards, back up to White Marsh, then Edgewood, and then APG. And at the moment we're only seeing around 24 riders per day on average. So one of the things that we've been doing and the reason we've extended this multiple times is to ensure that we can get some competition and get the best value for the State. Additionally one of the things that we're doing right now with this new route is something called semi-on-demand service. Because we're seeing that the route isn't receiving a lot of ridership, we're trying to do everything possible that we can to make sure that we do get as many people as possible. Semi-on-demand is essentially if the bus route is stopping right here at the State House, we'll actually have our commuter bus go three, four blocks down and pick up somebody directly from their house. And that's a new system. It's something we haven't tried before. And I think we're getting some confusion from the vendor community. But at the same time the bid has actually closed and we are going to move forward with it and we do have multiple bids.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: That's good. And so you're experimenting beyond a fixed route model for these --

MR. SEDITAL: Yes, sir. Again, we're trying to make sure that we can get as many people on our buses as possible.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Good. And when can you expect a replacement contract to be awarded?

MR. SEDITAL: We're currently evaluating the bids right now. So hopefully in the next couple of months. We're very confident that we'll be able to bring it before the Board before this extension expires.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Secretary Rahn, do you have a --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you.

MR. RAHN: Yes. Governor, Comptroller, given the ridership on this route, this is in essence the last gasp. Joe was not part of a conversation that I've had internally but this kind of an expenditure for 12 people is just not a good use of public resources. So this is the last attempt. If we don't see an increase in ridership, the likelihood is we are not going to proceed with the procurement that is out right now.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. Well thank you. It's a very impressive presentation and good luck.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Any other questions on Transportation?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing on Transportation. And last but not least --

MR. CHURCHILL: Good morning, sir.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- Secretary of DGS, Secretary Churchill, good morning.

MR. CHURCHILL: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, and Mr. Comptroller. For the record, I'm Ellington Churchill, Secretary for General Services. The department has 16 items on our Agenda, including one supplemental. We have agency representatives available to answer any questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions on DGS?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I want to thank Secretary Churchill. He came to the opening of the Greenbelt office of the Comptroller, satellite office, branch office. He did a fabulous job with his crew, his team of getting the new space up and running and spoke very eloquently, mostly about your poll numbers, Governor Hogan. No, I'm kidding.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: He was terrific at the ribbon cutting and very just a job well done. Mr. Secretary, thank you for everything you've done for our agency.

MR. CHURCHILL: Well thank you, Mr. Comptroller. We were happy to be there. And I will say that the Office of Real Estate are dedicated folks, as you saw. Governor, there were folks that were still looking for things to change, a little paint, yeah, little punch out items. So they stay dedicated. So thank you for your help.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Was the Comptroller going through the office and pointing out little --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- and paint or --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I'm just happy the ribbon was there to be cut. But I'm, you know, more parking, more access, better customer service.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And it's everything this Board talks about repeatedly. And --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I saw your other office in Western Maryland over the weekend.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: It's looking good up there, too.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yep. The Governor and I were out at the fall festival parade that I hadn't had the pleasure of participating in. And this was the 50th.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: The Autumn Glory Festival in Oakland.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: In Oakland. If you haven't been to Oakland, it's just short of where you pass into West Virginia. But it's a wonderful center for Western Maryland. It was the, well it was a beautiful day

like today, but it was the single best parade I have ever been in in the State of Maryland. There were more people closer to the, you know, and it wasn't like some big highway. They were right there. You could say hi to them. Everybody was pleased to, well they didn't, they probably didn't know who I was. But they were pleased to see State officials out there. And I just want to compliment the folks out in Garrett County for doing something very special. And I'm not going to miss any of those in the future. And yes, the Governor shamed me into walking the entire route because he was walking and --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I was jogging.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: He was going to ride in a Corvette but I --

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Anyway, it was a great day. A great day for Western Maryland. And you know, just a real eye opener, I think. I don't mean to act surprised that there were a lot of people there. There were a lot of people there. And it was a real community strengthening exercise, I think. And --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great. Any other questions on DGS? Is there a motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: There you go. Three-nothing on DGS.

That concludes our initial general Board of Public Works meeting. We're going to take a short, short break, say five minutes, so they can set up for the school construction hearing.

(Short recess taken.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Everybody can I have your -- thank you very much. I'm sorry for the short delay. Thank you for joining us for the school construction hearing before the Board of Public Works.

Before we get started, some of you may have heard we had a shooting situation in Harford County, in Abingdon, a workplace shooting. We have three dead and two in critical condition in shock trauma with gunshot wounds to the head. I just got off the phone with County Executive Glassman and with Sheriff Gahler. The State Police and the MDTA are assisting the Sheriff's Department. The FBI is also on the scene. We have two helicopters in the air, our State Police fugitive teams, and we have other troopers from three different barracks there.

The killer remains on the loose. He was last seen heading towards Cecil County, towards Elkton, close to the Delaware line. And I just wanted to let everybody know that that was happening, number one. The State is providing every possible assistance to the local government. My thoughts and prayers are with the people, the families of those who lost their lives and have been injured.

And we're going to try to continue with the hearing. If I have to duck out of here, we'll continue with my two colleagues without me if I've got to get pulled away. But I think everything is under control at this point.

So we're going to go ahead and get started with the Board of Public Works school construction hearing. In the past years the BPW heard presentations from the local school systems in late January, after the administration had already finalized its capital budget. So with this revised schedule, now school systems will have the opportunity to share your priorities with us before we submit the FY 2019 budget, which to me just makes a lot more common sense.

This BPW has the responsibility for overseeing school construction. The IAC is an agent of the BPW and is charged by us with making recommendations on funding priorities. The Board of Public Works will continue to provide fiscal oversight and make final decisions on the expenditure of taxpayer dollars in an open and transparent manner.

Now, before we get into the presentations, I also want to say we're going to reinstate a practice that for some reason stopped happening. But today we're going to recognize schools that earned a rating of superior in the 2017 maintenance survey. Nine schools achieved that score. So when we have the school systems coming up throughout the hearing today, we're going to recognize those school systems and make a presentation to them.

I also want to thank and congratulate Bob Gorrell for completing and submitting the FY '17 school maintenance report on time. It's a great improvement. In the past, these reports were typically repeatedly submitted months and even years late. So thank you, Bob, for the great job you're doing and for recognizing the importance of getting these maintenance reports on time

Normally we go through this Agenda in alphabetical order. However, in order to accommodate certain school systems' time constraints we have agreed to change the order. So we're going to go ahead and get started with Talbot County. Good morning.

DR. GRIFFITH: Good morning. I'm Dr. Kelly Griffith, the Superintendent for Talbot County Public Schools. Thank you so much for having me here today.

Before I begin I would also like to thank Mr. Gorrell for spending some time this summer at our Easton Elementary School complex, both Dobson and Moton, and also Easton High School. Thank you so much for coming as soon as you got here to tour those buildings. And I believe that's a superior way for us to introduce ourselves to you and you to us, so thank you very much. I do appreciate that.

Today I also have with me my Vice President of my Talbot County Board Susie Hayward. I have Representative Johnny Mautz. I also have my

Assistant Superintendent Lynn Duncan, and Kevin Shafer, who is our Plant Operations and Maintenance Manager.

I'd like to begin, I know we have, we start with our brief summary of challenges but I'd like to begin with a one-minute history that might serve us well as an introduction to Talbot's second cycle of renovation projects.

In the late 1980s Dr. Lever and Dr. Stensler assisted John Missone in the development of an aggressive ten-year strategic facility plan to renovate every one of our failing buildings. The TCPS renovation cycle began in the early nineties with excellent support from the State and even more support from our county government. We indeed completed the renovations of all schools by 2009.

The two buildings that we are here to talk about in the FY '19 and FY '20 cycle are the two buildings that reside on the Easton Elementary School campus. This is an unusual campus. It serves over 1,000 students, P3 through grade five. The Moton building was constructed in 1953 to serve as the black high school of Talbot County, which later transitioned to the Career and Technology Center. And the Dobson building was constructed in 1958 to serve as an elementary school and continues to serve our younger children P3 through grade one.

The challenges that we have in Talbot County is we have 600 miles of waterfront so we have a very unique demographic when it comes to geographic parts of the county. But we also have an ever-changing population

shift. Just to let you know, our FARMs students, our free and reduced meal students, have increased from 27 percent to 44 percent just in the past ten years. Our English language learner population has increased 200 percent since 2007. We currently have ten percent of our students receiving English language learner services and 20 languages spoken in our homes. Which then when you look in a building, you look at the inside of the building. How will you utilize the inside of your building?

I was the principal, the very proud principal, of Easton Elementary School, the Moton Building, and I served as principal there for six years. So I did live this life in this building. And I can attest to you that every closet and conference room for instructional purposes are used on a daily basis. As a matter of fact, we cook the food at the Moton building for the 400 children across the parking lot at the Dobson building and then we cart the food across the parking lot on a daily basis.

It is time for this project to move forward. Talbot County Public Schools faces relatively flat, somewhat slight increases of projections. But we are challenged to meet the needs of this shifting population. This can be especially challenging for small counties with limited resources and unique geographical requirements. Consistently high enrollments at our outlying schools, because we have redistricted as much as we could to take students, we actually have students that live in Easton and they go to school at an outlying school so that we aren't so

crowded in our elementary school. Our Bay Hundred area, for those of you that may know, we actually, where Easton Elementary School is housed, the people that live across the bypass that can see the school, we send them all the way to St. Michaels to school to alleviate that crowding in the building.

So we're hoping that with some redistricting students back to this school, it will allow for better utilization of another elementary school and we will be able to meet the needs of this diverse population. And more importantly be able to have it as a community school for those that live in this community.

Our primary goal today is to review our planning approval request, to convince you that it is time for this project to move forward.

A school is a building that has four walls with tomorrow inside. And I think that's really important to remember, that we want what's best for our children and we know --

TREASURER KOPP: That -- excuse me while I write that down.

DR. GRIFFITH: Okay.

(Laughter.)

DR. GRIFFITH: I will say it again. A school is a building that has four walls with tomorrow inside. We want the best for our children. And I know everybody in this room wants the best for their children. So what I'm supposed to be doing to you is convince you that this is a project that you need to fund.

I've been Superintendent, this is my fifth year. Actually I've never been before this group because we haven't had a project since I've been here. But what I can tell you is that we are in need. We have put off projects. We actually were approved for a roof for the Moton building a couple of years ago. We put it off thinking why put a new roof on when the building is deteriorating in its infrastructure? So we have been fiscally responsible in that area. I know Mr. Franchot is planning to come and visit our schools at the end of October, and so we look forward to showing you around in our building.

And I'm really here to answer any questions that you might have. I didn't want to take all eight minutes because I'm sure you have questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That was pretty good. You squeezed it all in there pretty good. I like that.

DR. GRIFFITH: I tried.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions for Talbot County?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I just have a personal thank you, Dr. Griffith. And I did have a comment because I saw the *Star Democrat*, that great newspaper over there on the Shore, your Plant Operations Manager, Mr. is it Shafer?

DR. GRIFFITH: Shafer.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Shafer. He was talking about the benefits of the new school, the replacement of Easton Elementary School. And

I'm glad that you mentioned that the school is going to be combined with redistricting, or he indicated --

DR. GRIFFITH: Yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- that that will reduce bus ride times for students, provide a stronger community school by allowing families in the Easton area to attend what should be their home school, and support the needs of a diverse population. So kudos to you, Superintendent, and I was delighted to read that.

I just had a question, you mentioned the Dobson facility. Are you planning to retain the 5,725-square foot Head Start addition in the existing Dobson facility?

DR. GRIFFITH: Yes. That would, and it was actually built to, and I was actually part of that project, so when I was principal at, so it is built to stand alone. And the Head Start would remain on the campus. And we feel that's very important because then we can share our professional development and our resources with our community Head Start.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I'm just thinking of walking across the parking lot and stuff. But is there, is that going to be connected to the new --

DR. GRIFFITH: It is not. It is not.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. And then I had just a quick question on Chapel District Elementary School, which was awarded the Silver Hammer Award from our office for exceptional school maintenance last year.

DR. GRIFFITH: Mm-hmm.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I'm glad to see it earned an overall rating of good and that overall maintenance and operations were described as, "appear to be routine and thorough." But I am concerned about the maintenance efforts that are expected to have only a limited effort, apparently, on the roof and HVAC system. I see the replacement roof is priority number four on your request for FY '19. But then I see the project is listed as a FY '23 project. Is that, are you going to be able to bridge that gap with a bad roof?

DR. GRIFFITH: We are hopeful. And we know that you are constrained with, when it comes to funds. So what we do is try to make sure we utilize our maintenance folks the best we can and keep that intact. So we're hoping that we can extend the life of that roof until 2023. When you have to prioritize, you have to prioritize. And right now Easton Elementary School is definitely the priority, and then comes the Easton High School HVAC which I know is there as second. Our third, and there is a small part of the Easton High School roof as well. So we prioritized in that manner.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I see Delegate Mautz is here.

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DR. GRIFFITH: He is.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And one of the hardest working members of the Legislature, anywhere. He's, I see him every, all over, Delegate Glenn, of course.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: He's sitting next to Delegate Glenn, who also is a hardworking --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well --

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, but she doesn't represent Easton. So I'll get to her a little bit later on. But seeing him does remind me of one of my visits where Mayor Willey --

DR. GRIFFITH: Correct.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- asked me famously to climb up on a ladder and look at the roof of the elementary school. And I showed with great delight to my wife, the next day, the picture in the newspaper of me climbing up at the top of the ladder, looking at the roof. And her comment was, "Is that a big tear in your pants that I see?"

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So thank you for letting me swing by from time to time --

DR. GRIFFITH: Absolutely.

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- and keep up the great work.

DR. GRIFFITH: And Mr. Mautz is in our buildings quite often, as we know. His children are there as well.

TREASURER KOPP: Can I, Superintendent, could I ask you a question? You say one of your major challenges in terms of school maintenance is the difficulty of hiring qualified people, exacerbated by generational turnover. Do you think, what do you think we can do to help with that?

DR. GRIFFITH: As far as support staff and custodial staff? One of the things that we have been working with is our community college in our recruitment efforts. We've also been working on, we have a grow-your-own program for our teachers and we've now started one with our support staff. So we have students that might be very interested. So we're really branching out to more internships and opportunities. We've also compressed our salary scale so we're more competitive on the Shore with our support staff. So I think some of those efforts are going to make that shift, that change for us. But it is difficult.

It's hard work. It's very hard work. Over the past six years we've had to decrease staff because of funding. And so when you decrease staff, you know, everyone picks up more jobs. And so it does make it a little more difficult. So one of the things that we're also working on is looking at the funding for our schools so that we don't have to decrease staff to get the work done.

TREASURER KOPP: Obviously one of our significant concerns, we're talking about building new schools, is maintaining them --

DR. GRIFFITH: Absolutely.

TREASURER KOPP: -- once they are built. And I would really appreciate your thoughtful, I sprung this on you, but input on what you think we could do in terms of this, of the State, the funding allocation structure? Maybe the university has a set aside for plant renewal in addition to, that sort of thing, and also training.

DR. GRIFFITH: Mm-hmm.

TREASURER KOPP: If there, I mean, if you can get the community colleges to have a good ongoing program, I bet there are other people who would like to take advantage of it, too.

DR. GRIFFITH: And looking at some of those green initiatives I think are really important. And we've been doing that. And, you know, what's been really exciting is our students have been taking that initiative forward and our students have been working with our custodial staff on the green initiative, which I think is very exciting to see.

TREASURER KOPP: A lot of this can be a great learning opportunity.

DR. GRIFFITH: Absolutely. Absolutely.

TREASURER KOPP: Well I thank you and I thank you for all the work you've done and look forward to seeing the new school.

DR. GRIFFITH: Thank you very much. I appreciate the time.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other questions on Talbot County? Thank you very much.

DR. GRIFFITH: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Next up we have Baltimore City. Dr. Santelises is here with us. You have Delegate Glenn --

DR. SANTELISES: Yes, we do. So good morning, Governor Hogan, Treasurer Kopp, Comptroller Franchot, and the full Board of Public Works. On behalf of Baltimore City Public Schools I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to share this morning. And as has already been noted, we are very pleased to have Delegate Glenn with us this morning. And I would also like to note that Mayor Catherine Pugh had initially intended to be here, but was called out of town doing some work on a minor little deal called Amazon. So --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Tell her she's excused. We love to see her doing that.

DR. SANTELISES: Absolutely. I will. I will. So but it is very good to be with you this morning.

I also want to give a special thank you to Comptroller Franchot, who visited Fort Worthington Elementary/Middle School this year, which is one of the new 21st Century school buildings that --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I raved about it.

DR. SANTELISES: You did --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Really. I mean, it is special. So congratulations.

DR. SANTELISES: Well no, thank you for the congratulations, but also thank you to you, and congratulations to this body, to the State support, the local support, and our district resources. And we were thrilled to have you there with us.

TREASURER KOPP: And we were thrilled to be represented by the deputy --

DR. SANTELISES: Thank you. Deputy Brogan, I apologize. My memory in this job -- I will say 16 months on this job, it's wavering from time to time. But it was also good to see you as well, Deputy.

Today I would also like to share with you just briefly some of the challenges that City Schools is facing with regard to our capital planning and maintenance needs, and really the efforts that we are taking to address some of those challenges, and how we hope that we can work with the IAC and the BPW to meet those needs.

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For Fiscal Year 2019 City Schools is requesting \$94 million for our two major projects, Holabird Elementary/Middle School and Graceland Park/O'Donnell Heights Elementary/Middle, both selected by the State to be net zero buildings; as well as 35 systemic projects that really include a variety of much needed repairs to buildings, everything from elevators, roofs, building systems. I'll be happy to report a bit later about our movement with regards to our commitment to make sure that more City Schools buildings are air-conditioned and report on where we are with the plan that we have submitted to this body.

Of course as in every year, this request only begins to address our true facility needs and it really is necessary to preserve our existing portfolio even as we expand the number of new buildings that we have. Our needs are many and are really driven by buildings with systems beyond their facility life cycle. We have increased costs related to the maintenance and renovation of systems in these facilities and limited funds to support construction and maintenance of facilities within the district portfolio. We are happy to report, though, that even with some of these challenges for the third year in a row our State maintenance inspection score continues to increase, in large part due to the hard work of our staff under the supervision of Chief Scroggins and Dr. Lynette Washington.

So the City Schools portfolio includes 159 schools and the average building age, just by way of reminder, is 50 years. Now as you all know, older

buildings mean older systems and without the necessary funds to upgrade those systems and improve them the district will continue to face challenges in maintaining and preserving those facilities. We continue to address some of the conditions of these buildings. You know that we have online not only the two schools that opened this August, but we are looking forward to the opening of two additional 21st Century schools in January: Dorothy I. Height, which was formerly known as John Edgar Howard, and Lyndhurst will open next school year representing the real, again, push that 21st Century Schools gives us as a school district. But we still do have a ways to go.

Two years ago we drafted a five-year plan to provide AC in schools without full AC systems. I want you to know that seven schools received air conditioning over this past summer, with two additional schools, our new schools, receiving air conditioning, and two additional schools for the 2018 school year, for a total for the school year of 2018 of an additional 16 schools with air conditioning. So while we know that we would like it on a faster timeline, we are very appreciative of working with you all to make sure that we are accelerating the number of schools with air conditioning, and we believe that the plan we have in place we'll be able to meet.

Our second greatest challenge really is in increased cost. And based on a summary of our current contractors, construction costs in our area have increased by 70 percent over the last five years, particularly for projects that

involve any kind of mechanical system replacements or roofing construction. The hardship really has been exacerbated by the State's partial funding of City Schools' CIP projects. And part of what that means is that a jurisdiction with a, frankly a lower contribution due to the high poverty within our district, our jurisdiction is unable like other jurisdictions to forward fund projects. And what that means is we have to wait as a school system for the entirety of the project to be funded, which means an accumulation of partial funding over a number of years. And so over the two to three years that it takes to get all of the funding in place, oftentimes the costs increase. So it's not due to the fact that we're not projecting correctly at the time what the costs are, but it is due to the fact that because we do not have the benefit of forward funding from our local jurisdiction, we must wait for full funding to come into place.

I want to thank the IAC staff that acknowledged the problems with this practice this past year and consequently the number of those partially funded projects for FY '18 was significantly reduced. And again, I do want to say thank you to the IAC for working with us and acknowledging that this was a challenge.

However, what this means is that City Schools does continue to be profoundly impacted by previous cycles of partial funding. And unlike, again, other LEAs that receive larger local allocations, we have been subject to lost revenue or lost time for new funds because we cannot forward projects. So we appreciate, and this challenge by the way, again, we brought to the IAC, and we

appreciate the \$20.5 million in reverted funds were recently recommended by the IAC to fund additional FY '18 projects.

However, in previous years the IAC has included a portion of reverted funds from rescinded projects in our annual CIP allocation. So what that means is that every year we have a portion of our CIP allocation that are past rescinded project funds and actually takes away from the new funding that we would be receiving. And again, this year while we're grateful for the \$20.5 in reverted funds that we'll receive, that additional \$10.8 million of funding would be, would take the place of any new funding that we'd be receiving. So for this reason we want to flag that for you all as a concern for us.

I did send a letter to Mr. Gorrell and other IAC members yesterday detailing some of the concerns about the, this is a past practice, and how frankly it does continue to impact us. A key purpose of the State CIP funding for this program is really to serve as an equalizer, which is why the opportunity to come and present to you today is important. But I do want to just again point out that the recycling of funds is actually, if we were to look over a period of time, has actually represented a loss of approximately \$66 million of new money that Baltimore City gets to benefit from. And so our FY '18 allocation of new dollars is actually 42 percent below the amount of new funding allocation that we received ten years ago.

So again, we just want to emphasize that this recycling is a challenge for us that we want to be able to draw attention to, and that it will impact our ability long term to keep with things like our AC plan, our building maintenance, and we wanted to make sure we brought this to your attention.

In closing, because I too want to give you time to ask questions, I just want to make sure that the Board of Public Works just recognize the progress that we've made as Baltimore City in continuing to improve the maintenance of our buildings, continuing to make sure that we are good stewards of the public dollar, and that we continue to seek your support and commitment to Baltimore City students. Continued financial assistance through this body is needed to support City Schools' current and future efforts. And when taken together, the issues I've described today can make it increasingly difficult for City Schools to move forward with our capital projects.

I want to thank you again for the opportunity to present today and then I will turn it over to you to ask questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. And first of all, I want to congratulate you for the fourth year in a row improving on maintenance scores.

DR. SANTELISES: Thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's really great and a testament to the hard work that your staff has been doing. And you know, on the air conditioning

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units, it is disappointing that we haven't moved forward but we're glad you got some of them done. And not, you know, I know that the Comptroller has expressed quite a bit of interest in making sure we get those things completed because we don't want kids sweating in these hot days in the classrooms. I don't know how many days you may have missed, or how many kids might have been out of the classroom for that.

And we understand the challenges that you're faced with. And I guess, you know, my question, and you addressed it sort of, but the IAC proposed reduction for the State cost share percentage, how that's going to impact you and how you plan to deal with that?

DR. SANTELISES: So with the change in cost share from the State, generally what that would mean for us is a larger local contribution, which would put a further burden on our contribution. It would just be yet another diversion of current funds. If we were to hold at the current percentage we would be able to move forward. But as you noted, Governor, it would be another challenge.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Is there any hope of getting the City to increase their investment in the schools? Because, you know, one of the things that we've talked about on the operating budget side --

DR. SANTELISES: Yes.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- is that I think the average school system in the State spends around 50 percent of their total dollars on the schools -
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DR. SANTELISES: Yes.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- and the City only spends 13 percent.
So the State actually pays far more in Baltimore City --

DR. SANTELISES: You do.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- two or three times more than we do anywhere else. But the City doesn't. So both on school construction and on operating costs, is there any hope that maybe the City is going to step up and invest along with us?

DR. SANTELISES: No, and I certainly understand, Governor. You're not the first person to point that out. I think some of the things that we're hopeful, one, Delegate Glenn is here. And the Mayor, this year the City committed additional money to assist us with our budget gap, as did the State. And I do think it's increasing in conversation. I think it is far more than what it was in City Schools past, sir. It was not part of the everyday discussion. And I think now it is. I think the Mayor has gone out very early, increasing the contribution. And I will say that I think the recent, and I don't want to speak out of turn because I'm not a security or safety expert. But I do think that part of the Mayor's drive in increasing investment and attracting businesses to Baltimore

City is to be able to increase the local tax base and frankly help make sure that our safety costs are not as high as they are. Because there is an interesting relationship between the amount that we have to invest in safety versus the amount that we invest in education.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Any other questions for Baltimore City?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. I just want to, please give my kudos to Mayor Pugh for paying attention to all of these issues, and to yourself. And Delegate Glenn, thank you for the support of the City delegation. I just want to commend you and your team for prioritizing the installations of portable air conditioning units in hundreds of classrooms across the Baltimore City School System.

Now, as the Governor mentioned, we all know that Baltimore City faces a lot of challenges. And you know, it's a unique situation and a unique responsibility for the State. But the fact that you're working diligently to address the serious safety and health issue I think is cause for recognition and frankly on my part celebration. So tell the Mayor I said some nice things about her. Please.

DR. SANTELISES: I definitely will. I will, Comptroller Franchot.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: You know, it's not me. It's the students and the teachers who have been suffering in these sweltering classrooms. And I'm sure they are very grateful for your efforts in expediting the installation

of these units. I see 12 schools are slated for air conditioning in the CIP request you submitted.

DR. SANTELISES: Yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: If I recall correctly, Baltimore City Schools had committed to provide cooling, heating, and ventilation systems over a five-year timeline.

DR. SANTELISES: Yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And I just want to ask, I'm not sure, Madam Superintendent, whether it's you or Mr. Scroggins who is kind of the keeper of all data, as far as I'm concerned up there. Are you going to be able to install air conditioning units on that kind of timeline?

DR. SANTELISES: So I will just, before I ask Chief Scroggins to join me, I will say that yes, we are. But I do think that it's subject to some of the other shifts in funding that occur. Based on where we are now, we feel as if we can keep to what we've promised. But again, any shifts in funding, any decreases in new funding, will clearly impact that, though. Keith, would you like to --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No, I'm delighted Mr. Scroggins is here. And thank you for, well, doing a lot more with a lot less than a lot of people realize. And Mr. Scroggins, but if you could just update us on the January meeting's commitment that the City had for installing air conditioning units at seven schools and split units at two schools? Is there any update on that?

MR. SCROGGINS: Well, yes, we just installed it in seven schools over the past year. Of course, there were two new schools that were opened up this year. We'll have actually a total of five new schools, two in January and three in the fall. And then we also have those 11 projects that will also be completed in the fall. They are already in design. They will begin construction. So we're very positive in terms of getting that work done. And then in --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. How many are left at the end of, if you do all 11 or 12 of the projects in FY 2019's CIP plan, how many does that leave?

MR. SCROGGINS: Well actually after that --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: On air conditioning?

MR. SCROGGINS: --2019, we'll have 19 projects that have been completed in that year, plus two new schools opening. In 2020, we'll have nine, plus seven new schools open. In 2021, there will be two schools, plus one new school. And in 2022, there will be one school. So all the schools will be completed within our five-year plan.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. I just want to say I'm very pleased. Because when I say there are some unique fiscal challenges in the City, yes, you are absolutely accurate in that. And I just want to thank Dr. Santelises and the City Schools team, I guess, with the progress that you're showing. And I'd urge you just to continue prioritizing the installation of air conditioning and

heat systems. Because obviously, as we read in the paper, either the climate is changing or we're just going through some weird weather. But it can get very hot in these schools.

And you mentioned Fort Worthington, my visit up there, thank you for being there and letting me have a tour. I expressed my, I hate to even sound surprised, but this was such a game changer, this new school, with the energy and the spirit of the kids and the faculty. You could just, it was manifestly spectacular. And I just wanted to follow up on, you know, by saying how pleased I was to see that. And my staffperson, Matt Minson, who went to the old Fort Worthington, he was like, get me over here, I want to go back through this school. Because it's a special place.

Now the question is, how can we maintain it, as the Treasurer was mentioning. There are some constraints on maintenance efforts. I noticed that, you know, you're taking steps, Mr. Scroggins. And I salute you. The Governor mentioned that you had zero, zero not adequate or poor ratings in your maintenance report. That is unheard of. And that is enormous progress. So congrats. But what are we doing to preserve the, both new schools and I guess the old schools to the extent we can?

MR. SCROGGINS: Well I think it's important to note that the support from the top, from the CEO, truly helps. In the past operations was sort of an afterthought. But it's involved in almost every discussion within the school

system and, you know, I certainly appreciate that. We've also been helped by the addition of the \$3 million which was negotiated with our State and City partners, as well as Deputy Brogan, once the 21st Century Program was approved. So with that additional \$3 million, we're able to initiate more preventive maintenance and maintain our schools better than they have been maintained in the past.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Great. And Madam Superintendent, just quickly, how much money are you slated to lose? The Governor mentioned this formula or something?

DR. SANTELISES: Sure. So if, if the amount is reduced from nine, if it increases, if the local contribution increases, I believe it's an extra -- let me just check my notes so I'm giving you, I believe it's an extra, sorry. Thank you, \$1.8 million for FY '19.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, well that's a lot of money.

DR. SANTELISES: It is.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And frankly, you give me that up there with Mr. Scroggins and we could get a lot of classrooms air-conditioned real fast. So I hope there's something that can be done there, ultimately. Because that is exactly the wrong message to send to the City.

I also just want to recognize the Governor because I sided with him on getting Amazon recruited to the State, as long as it's in Baltimore City. I mean, God bless Montgomery County, my home county. But if that wonderful

company, a game-changing company, could ever be recruited to come to Maryland, it's got to be in Baltimore City.

DR. SANTELISES: Agreed.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And --

DR. SANTELISES: No, I agree. And I will say, having attended the Mayor's most recent cabinet meeting, there really is I would say a brain trust within the City that is really pushing hard to make sure that, you know, we represent the State well in this bid. And your support collectively means a great deal. So we thank you for that.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah, I can tell you that the State has never put together an incentive package like this before. It's going to be mind-boggling for the folks at Amazon. I think we have a great chance to get that.

I'll just point out that the State cost share on school construction for Baltimore City for FY 2018 is 91 percent, which is two points down from last year when it was 93 percent. But it's still, you know, twice as high as most places.

DR. SANTELISES: It is. And again, our local funding is something that I think is, well we know, I won't say I think, is the major driver to that. So.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Okay.

TREASURER KOPP: Could I just ask a couple of questions. I appreciate, I want to add my voice to the progress that has been made. Actually, we have talked about maintenance for years, many years, when Delegate Glenn's predecessor, actually, was trying to lead, and to see this progress being made is terrific. At least in part also because of the 21st Century Schools move and I recognize, I want to say, that the City has, did raise some taxes and has put money in to the extent they can. But I recognize the problem also that was caused by partial funding. And I see a number here, but do you actually have a net cost of what --

DR. SANTELISES: We do. We do.

TREASURER KOPP: -- this cost --

DR. SANTELISES: If you add all of the, Treasurer Kopp, if you add all of the years of partial funding together, we're looking at about \$66 million.

TREASURER KOPP: Which is a very --

DR. SANTELISES: Yes.

TREASURER KOPP: So, I mean, that is a structural change, which I gather you're addressing that could actually save money --

DR. SANTELISES: Yeah. It absolutely can.

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah. I want to also say I just heard in passing the naming of a new school, the Dorothy, not a new school, but the new renaming of Dorothy I. Height School?

DR. SANTELISES: Yes.

TREASURER KOPP: Years ago when I was, when I worked on Capitol Hill, I worked on Ms. Height.

DR. SANTELISES: Did you really?

TREASURER KOPP: An extraordinary woman and I am so delighted to see her recognized. A great educational leader, but also a great public leader and inspiring.

DR. SANTELISES: Well and I will tell you, Treasurer Kopp, what was wonderful about the naming is that the young people, the students, actually did the research on each of the individuals --

TREASURER KOPP: That's terrific.

DR. SANTELISES: -- that they were thinking of naming and nominating. And so if you ask any of them about Dorothy Height, they will be able to wax prolific. So we'll invite you to the opening.'

TREASURER KOPP: That's terrific. I mean, her name has not been heard often enough --

DR. SANTELISES: Yes.

TREASURER KOPP: -- in the last years, I think. I find that very exciting. If you could give us something, just point out year by year, how if we could somehow structurally address the question of partial funding with a separate set aside fund or something like that. I think it would be extremely helpful. And to build on what the Comptroller was saying, I'm not sure. We haven't gotten to your item yet, Dr. Gorrell. But perhaps there is something we could do about the forward, because the forwards basically serve the LEAs all that benefit from equalization are in need. Maybe we could delay the, somehow, the move in funding. But this is something to take up in the next item, I guess.

DR. SANTELISES: Absolutely.

TREASURER KOPP: But --

DR. SANTELISES: And we'd be happy to get you that break down, Treasurer.

TREASURER KOPP: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much.

DR. SANTELISES: Thank you all.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Next up we have Caroline County.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Did Delegate Glenn want to say something?

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Delegate Glenn, did you have anything you wanted to say before we move on? Delegate?

TREASURER KOPP: Cheryl?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I don't think she --

TREASURER KOPP: Excuse me, Delegate?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Did either one of the Delegates have anything to say before they -- Delegate Glenn?

DELEGATE GLENN: I just wanted to thank you for the continued support of Baltimore City Public Schools.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

DELEGATE GLENN: Thank you so much. Teamwork!

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Delegate Mautz?

DELEGATE MAUTZ: And I'd like to thank the Board, also. Talbot County often brings their (indiscernible). And we have a lot of challenges in the county and we oftentimes get overlooked. I can't thank you enough for focusing on those.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

DELEGATE MAUTZ: And but the challenges get greater every year. And we're doing the best we can to take care of them.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you for the great job both of you are doing.

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TREASURER KOPP: I think you all have been, I'm partial to the House of Delegates, of course. But really strong leaders --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

DELEGATE MAUTZ: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

DR. SAELENS: Good morning, how are you? Dr. Patty Saelens, Caroline County Public Schools. And with me today we have Mr. Milton Nagel, our Assistant Superintendent. He'll be here for any technical questions you may have. Mr. Jim Newcomb, our President of our Board. Mr. Larry Porter, who is one of our commissioners and here in support of our capital projects. We also have two delegates here. We have Delegate Grace and we have Delegate Ghrist and we have Delegate Mautz. He's hanging around for us.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's quite a team you've got there.

DR. SAELENS: I know. So we're here today requesting planning approval for the construction of a replacement school at Greensboro Elementary and funding approval for a partial roof replacement at Lockerman Middle School. The current Greensboro Elementary School was built in 1974 and is an open space classroom building. That brings a lot of challenges. There are currently nine portable classrooms on the property, because we are overcrowded. The cost of closing up the open space areas combined with the significant amount of additional space needed to accommodate the current and projected enrollment led

us to determine the best course of action is to build anew versus adding an addition and doing a total renovation.

We've studied the pros and the cons for both for well over a year now, and in conjunction with our county commissioners and State public school construction officials decided that our best solution is to build a new school. The site is nearly 40 acres, so there's plenty of space that we could actually build the new school there and then go back and return to do demo. Building a new school for our student population in excess of 800 compared to expanding the existing open space school designated for only 600 will produce a much more efficient building, both as it relates to the programmatic and operational standpoint. The fiscal cost to add and renovate is only slightly more, and you can see that in your paper that we gave you. There is a comparison chart there. So it's only slightly more for the cost of the new school. But the operational efficiencies associated with a new school make the decision fairly easy. So that is our first project that we're requesting planning approval for.

Our second project, which you also have an attachment that has some factual information about the current roof at Lockerman as well as a visual aspect. So our second project, as I said, is a partial roof replacement for Lockerman Middle School. This section of the roof was from the original, which was an addition in 1993. And there is, they have already had the independent roof study prepared by Garland Roofing, which does support the need to move forward

on this project. So that's really all that we have for Caroline County this year. And we just want to thank you for your continued support on all of our capital projects. We welcome you to come visit Caroline County anytime and to look at everything that, all the monies that you've provided for us and what that looks like in our district.

I'm very proud to share that we take care of what we build and do in Caroline County. Our maintenance staff is amazing. So the monies that you do give us, we use them carefully and then we take care of what we build. So we're very proud of that. So if you have any questions for us?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well thank you very much. I know one of the issues that you're faced with down there, and maybe you have some ideas on how we can address it, but it's the \$395 per square foot construction cost because of the kind of remote location, I guess, it's hard to get bidders --

DR. SAELENS: It is.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- or materials down there?

DR. SAELENS: Well being on the Eastern Shore we're limited to our resources as it relates to our contractors, so.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Not that many bidders? And difficulty getting to the site? Is that --

MR. NAGEL: A lot of the contractors come from the Western Shore and so you're dealing with either that daily commute or temporary housing,

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depending. And we have a lot of Delaware contractors that are resistant to coming to do Maryland work for a couple of reasons. One, there's plenty of Delaware work right now. And you've got different prevailing wage issues. So you have Delaware prevailing wages versus Maryland prevailing wages. And then thirdly, we have an number of smaller contractors that are, you know, based in Carolina County that don't want to get into the State work because of prevailing wages. And then having to continue to look for State, or prevailing wage jobs in order to retain their work force. And then we've seen some contractors that have more workers that jump from employer to employer depending on who's got the next prevailing wage job.

We've had our most recent construction project we had some of the trade packages where we had to rebid because we only had one bid on particular trades. And for instance, sheet metal fabrication for duct work. There's one contractor on the Delmarva Peninsula right now that does that work. So it is a constrained environment as far as certain trade contractors.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah. It's difficult. I'm not sure how, what the solution to it is. But we at least recognize that --

DR. SAELENS: Well our CTE programs is one solution that we're working on.

MR. NAGEL: Yeah, we're working --

DR. SAELENS: We're working on partnering --

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MR. NAGEL: -- to partner with local businesses --

DR. SAELENS: -- with businesses to grow our own. Yeah.

MR. NAGEL: And make them more ready for the workforce.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We had University of Maryland in here earlier and Senator Rosapepe, who represents that district, was talking about the average school construction, and it's \$46,000 per student. And they just built a charter school with the University of Maryland, \$13,000 per student. It's a beautiful school. And I think prevailing wage was a huge part of that cost that they didn't have to deal with.

MR. NAGEL: It's easily 20 percent of the total cost.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah. All right. Any questions? I guess what we, first we'll see if they have any questions and then I want to --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. So thank you. If I could, I just wanted to commend everyone involved in the Preston Elementary addition, Madam Superintendent, speaking of taking care of what you have. I toured that when the renovation was underway in 2015. I hear it's a huge success with a new media center and a large addition that holds the new cafeteria and the gymnasium, energy saving features with geothermal heating and cooling. And one of my constituents, Mr. Berman, is back there. He's going to help us get more energy efficient in these contracts we've signed. But solar panels, and LEED lighting. I

mean, come on over to Montgomery County and teach us how to do this. Please.

And --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: As a matter of fact, speaking of Preston Elementary --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- since they achieved a superior rating on the FY 2017 maintenance survey, we have a Board of Public Works resolution honoring Preston Elementary. And we want to recognize you --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- but also Principal Kari Clow and Head Custodian Gary Hart with this citation. So maybe we can have everybody, I don't know if they are both here or not, but come up and we can take a picture with you and with the Board.

Maybe it's easier for us to come out there and take a picture.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Why don't you guys come on in here?
It's good to get on both sides.

We've got to get the Treasurer in here.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Can everybody see?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Congratulations.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yep. Oh, yeah. No, I'm very happy. Yeah. No. I'm going to give, Madam Superintendent, would you please give this medallion to the maintenance person who is responsible --

DR. SAELENS: I absolutely will. We --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- for the 99.62 percent?

DR. SAELENS: Thank you. I will.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I mean, that is stunning.

DR. SAELENS: I just want to say Friday we have all of our custodial staff will be, we're celebrating them for a luncheon. So a perfect opportunity where they will all be together.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's great.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well let me give you one so you don't get, have to give away the only one you have.

DR. SAELENS: Okay.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And give that to them from us on the Board of Public Works.

DR. SAELENS: I will. Absolutely.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Because it's special.

DR. SAELENS: Thank you so much.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Am I going to have to go get my --

(Laughter.)

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- out of my office?

TREASURER KOPP: I, can I ask just one question? Looking at the concerns that were raised by Talbot about maintenance staff, attracting and retaining good maintenance staff, and just thinking about all these things, are there things that we could do to support you to do on a more regional basis? Or I don't, structurally change things so that it's easier to, you mentioned growing, for instance, the economy, the business is here. If it could be done perhaps on a more, a joint basis? I don't even know what I'm suggesting. Except what we could do to leverage your efforts.

MR. PORTER: Well we have been working very closely with the Board of Education about utilizing Chesapeake College, for example --

TREASURER KOPP: Mm-hmm.

MR. PORTER: -- to have a mentoring program or an apprentice program. And I think we could certainly do it with that as well. We're finding, as Milton said, a very severe lack of skilled people. And I keep saying, you know, in my diatribes when I talk that it's, you know, with all due respect it's a lot easier to find an attorney or a doctor than it is someone to fix my air conditioner or work on my car. So I think we have to identify kids in our school who have those interests and then nurture those interests with those programs.

The same thing, actually, kind of off topic a little bit, with EMTs and paramedics as well. Because we're having a hard time retaining EMTs and paramedics. So if we can find students who express an interest then we may be able to pick up tuition or do something like that if they will agree to work in our county.

TREASURER KOPP: And I must say, I think there really is a State interest --

MR. PORTER: Sure. Absolutely.

TREASURER KOPP: -- in supporting across the region.

MR. PORTER: Yes, ma'am.

MR. NAGEL: A couple of years ago we created a brand new position called CTE Business Liaison to work more directly with our local businesses and identifying what their needs are and bring kids to the businesses at an early, middle school, before they hit the high school age, to try to get them interested. It's one thing to have someone from the business come to talk to the students, but to have the students actually go to the business and get to walk through the plant or through the operation and see what neat things they might be able to do with their hands or with their, you know, with their mind --

TREASURER KOPP: Right.

MR. NAGEL: -- that might help to point them in that direction.

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah.

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: The Treasurer makes an excellent point. I'm interested in anything systemic. I can guarantee that what goes on in Caroline goes in other jurisdictions in the State.

MR. NAGEL: Sure.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And it's called leadership, maintenance, oversight, administration, you name it. It's treating the kids and the teachers like they are your customers.

MR. NAGEL: They are.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And you want to please them by keeping a good environment there. And yes, I appreciate the fact that we have a shifting economy, and this, that, and the other thing. You guys are, I mean, you can't argue with the numbers. These are 37 engineering criteria that everybody looked at with a skeptical eye and you got a 99.5 percent rating on it. It's doable in every jurisdiction in the State. But it requires a team like this paying attention to it. And --

MR. NAGEL: No, I --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: You know, I'm sorry, Larry, I'm an attorney. So I'm sorry you had trouble finding anybody.

MR. PORTER: I certainly meant no disrespect --

(Laughter.)

MR. PORTER: But --

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: But I get what you're saying.

MR. PORTER: -- what I will say, you know, unfortunately I attended the elementary school that was there before the school we're talking about replacing. So it reinforces everyone when they tell me how old I am. But I spend a good amount of time in our schools. We don't have a lot of schools but I spend a lot of time. I'm constantly amazed at how hard they work and how much effort is put into maintaining those. And our relationship with our Board of Education I think is also unique in areas. So we work together, we trust each other. We've known each other. The recent person who went off the Board of Education, my wife graduated from high school with him, and I graduated from high school with the person who replaced him. So we know each other and we work real closely together. So as much as I love coming across the Bridge, you know, it's great to come over in support of them. And I am in full support. So thank you very much.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well that's, can I get Jim Newcomb to come up here, please? Yeah. The Board of Ed is involved in this. Thank you for what you're doing. Because it's, the proof is in the pudding. And Madam Treasurer, I support you on anything that you want to do systemwide. But I'm telling you in these jurisdictions it's very ad hoc. And yes, there are challenges. But some of them are just knocking it out of the park and others have a lot of great rhetoric but then to whatever.

And what the Governor said about Mr. Gorrell, thank you, and Madam Education President Secretary --

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And Madam Ambassador or Excellency, yes, thanks, and Karen, thank you. Because getting that maintenance report is the only, as the Governor said, it's, once we get it we can improve. And but without that measurement, we're just listening to generally a lot of empty promises from people that just can't get the job done. And this group does. You're getting the job done. God bless you. Seriously.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you all.

MR. NAGEL: One final comment. I just want to compliment Mr. Gorrell. I know you, Governor, referenced earlier about them getting that maintenance report in a timely fashion. And if you look into that maintenance report, look at not just this year with Preston Elementary School, but historically our rating for Caroline County since 2010 have been very good or superior at all of our schools. (Indiscernible) last year you gave out a Silver Hammer there, as well as some other schools. So, you know, we're very proud. We're small but mighty. And a lot of it is resourcefulness and working closely with our county commissioners.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well thank you all very much for all your great work.

DR. SAELENS: Thank you so much.

MR. PORTER: Thank you. Come see us.

DR. SAELENS: Yes, please do.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Come see you. Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: Can I ask Dr. Gorrell or Dr. Salmon just a --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Sure.

TREASURER KOPP: Do we know how many more open
classroom schools we have?

MR. GORRELL: I would have to get that number together and
bring it back to you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I just visited one last week with Dr.
Salmon.

TREASURER KOPP: I mean, I have not heard anything good
about them for 50 years.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well next up we have Queen Anne's
County.

DR. KANE: I think it's good afternoon, now.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Is it afternoon?

DR. KANE: Yeah, I was just looking for that.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good afternoon.

DR. KANE: Good afternoon. I am Andrea Kane and proud to have served for the last three months as Superintendent for Queen Anne's County Public Schools. I have with me today Carla Pullen, who is our Facilities Planner; and also Mr. Sid Pinder, who is our Director for Operations.

So I'd like to thank you first of all for allowing us to share with you some challenges that we experience with regard to our capital planning and maintenance. I'd like to let you know from the beginning that we have had a facilities assessment conducted in 2016 and some of the data that I will reference is from that facilities assessment report.

So we are a district of just over 7,700 students. We have 7,721. There are about 374 land miles, square land miles, in our county, and that averages to about 21 students per square mile. We have 14 school facilities.

I'm going to talk about three challenges that we experience and one is the limited county funds that are allotted for our regular routine maintenance to our school buildings. Over the last several years the district had received just about \$300,000 per year for items such as painting, flooring repairs, site work, fencing, and that sort of thing. In Fiscal Year '18 no funds were awarded. Only capital projects were matched with local funds. So that's our first challenge.

Our second challenge has to do with our small internal maintenance staff. There's difficulty obtaining funding to increase our workforce.

We currently have 1.4 million square feet, consisting of 14 schools, two field houses, a central office, a warehouse, and nine portables. The department consists of, our maintenance department consists of nine technicians, with one of those being a working foreman. Of those nine technicians the following specialties include three people to handle our HVAC and refrigeration projects and boilers; one person handles refrigeration and our kitchen equipment; one person is our master electrician, also handles access controls and cameras; one master plumber; one locksmith and person to handle our carpentry work; we have one person for preventive maintenance; and we have one person who handles life safety, fire alarms, generators, that sort of thing. So as you might imagine for 1.4 million square feet, that presents a challenge for us.

The third challenge is that the technology now falls under the umbrella of facilities. So for our repairs and for replacements for everything from projectors and interactive boards, LCD projectors, and all the things that come with that, mounts and what have you, it does present quite a challenge for us, especially with technology changing as rapidly as it does.

Our total current estimated cost of repairs, and that is from our facilities assessment that was conducted in 2016, is \$55,685,508 exactly. And I have to say that that includes everything that was included as a failed or poorly maintained project on our maintenance report. So all of those things are included in that one.

Our current LEA average for Public School Construction Program maintenance score is overall good. 89.62 is our score, so we're pleased with that.

Some other challenges that I'd like to talk about, or certainly a summary, includes the fact that our school buildings were either newly built all around the same time, so they're sort of clustered, and there is sort of within a short duration of time. And this means that it requires more local funding. And with that clustering it's also in intervals. So about ten years ago there was a cluster of buildings that had to be renovated and work done, and then we might not come back to it about till next year or so. So we have two requests for today and I'll talk about that shortly.

So during our last audit by the Maryland Legislative Auditors they noted that our maintenance department was seven technicians short based on the square footage of our buildings. HVAC and energy management systems are becoming more complex to maintain and therefore they require replacement parts which are sometimes no longer available, they aren't made. As most building systems now require the use of computer integration, we've seen a sharp increase in the amount of funding required just to upgrade the licensing software. So that presents certainly a challenge for us.

Currently, and you had a little bit of conversation about this with Caroline County, currently our cost per square foot for new schools is \$556 per square foot and some of those challenges that you spoke with Caroline County

about we experience as well. Our location and accessibility we believe play a part in that cost of that. And that is, that is an estimate from our last renovation project at Grasonville Elementary. We also only received one bid for that project.

Other construction costs and challenges include experienced difficulty in ensuring interest in getting those multiple bidders, just like we did for Grasonville Elementary School, and also the prevailing wage rate. So prevailing wage rates increase the costs for each project, as you know, sometimes significantly, thereby increasing the cost for the contractor. And sometimes the contractors are not employing those highly skilled workers and so the costs that they have to pay them is significant and that prevents them sometimes from wanting to engage in projects with us. So that does certainly present an issue.

So the two projects that we are requesting today are minimal in comparison to some that you might hear about today. Churchill Elementary School, we're requesting a chiller replacement. The last time that was replaced was in the year 2000. And we also are requesting a chiller replacement for one of our high schools, Kent Island High School. And the last chiller was put in place in 2001. So our State share request is \$792,000, with a total cost of \$1.7 million.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great. Thank you very much. Are there questions for Queen Anne's County?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes. Thank you, Dr. Kane, for that because it's very well presented. And I have a lot of admiration for your elected officials over there in Queen Anne's County.

DR. KANE: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: But I would urge Delegate Ghrist, who I think represents you and Caroline County, to just make sure you guys are aware of what they are doing because like you they are taking very good care of what they have. But they are even higher ratings than the ones that you mentioned for Queen Anne's County.

I see that the Kent Island High School had some defects from the Fiscal Year 2011 maintenance report and that seems to have all been correct. Was that done under construction defect warranties?

DR. KANE: Warranty, exactly.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Really?

DR. KANE: Yes. So all of that, as of I believe last year, Mr. Pinder, has been taken care of. So it was roofing and windows.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Good. So and I see you mentioned a new chiller replacement in the high school?

DR. KANE: Yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. I'm very pleased to see that. And if you could pass my compliments along to your elected leadership.

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Tell them next year if they come, I can say something nice about them when they are here.

DR. KANE: I will certainly do that.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: It doesn't hurt.

DR. KANE: I will certainly do that.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: You know, you don't have to be all by yourself in this campaign.

DR. KANE: Oh, I have a team.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

DR. KANE: They are here.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Maybe they could stand up?

DR. KANE: And we certainly have spoken with our commissioners and they are in support. And Mr. Andersen says to say hello to you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: It doesn't hurt to have someone, you know, it's not like you're coming from Western Maryland.

DR. KANE: No. So I am well supported. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. We're going to move on to Cecil County.

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DR. DEVINE: Good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Treasurer Kopp, and Comptroller Franchot. I would like to thank Delegate Reilly for being here in support of Cecil today. And my team behind me, Mr. Perry Willis, who is our Executive Director of Support Services; Mr. Chuck Simperts, who is our Manager of Construction; and Mr. Ted Lambert, who is our Supervisor of Facilities. If you would grant me permission, I would like to give you a brief update. The Harford County shooter is in Cecil County outside of my central office in a house. There is law enforcement on the scene and all Cecil schools are in secured status. So with your permission, I'm going to give my report and I'm headed north. Okay?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Absolutely.

DR. DEVINE: Thank you. So on behalf of the Board of Education of Cecil County we submit these comments in support of our capital plan for fiscal year 2019. We would like to express our appreciation to you for your contributions and support in the past. We are a low wealth county and we take very good care of our facilities, so thank you for your investment.

As the Comptroller is well aware, Gilpin Manor Elementary School was a school much in need of replacement. It is coming along nicely, on time, and under budget somewhat. And we are very pleased with that. And we're here to ask you for the final allocation to complete the replacement school for next year in the amount of \$3,758,000.

Along with that we have several systemic projects. We have a rather large roof systemic replacement at Bohemia Manor and Bohemia High Schools that share a common building and very much needs to be replaced. We want to bid the project in its entirety but then it will be replaced over a two-year period. And the amount for that from the State is \$830,000.

Cherry Hill Middle School is one of our older schools but in very good condition. If we replace exterior doors and windows we will extend the life of that school and that's \$612,000 to complete that project.

We have an HVAC systemic replacement at Cecil Manor that we would really like the update. The system currently is from 1995 and that's in the amount of \$1.7 million.

And then finally we have the support of our County Executive to really begin a more robust replacement and renovation of our schools so we're asking for planning for the Chesapeake City Elementary School, probably if not the oldest one of our oldest schools and it's really in need of replacement. We are in the process of negotiating that project and we would like to have the planning for that. We do have the County Executive's support.

So again we wish to commend you for your significant support of Cecil County. We've had 30 superiors in ten years for our excellent maintenance program and think that we're a very good investment for your, for the tax dollars that come from the State. With that, I'll answer any questions on our projects.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Any questions?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, the Treasurer is always interested in what you can export as far as good practices and I would like to applaud you for the annual awards luncheon you hold --

DR. DEVINE: Yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- each June to show appreciation for the hard work and dedication of your maintenance and operations personnel.

DR. DEVINE: Yes. And the Board of Education and the entire leadership team attend that we do, we commend various schools. We have the cleanest school awards, the most improved awards, and really make a big deal out of that. They work very hard to maintain the buildings all year long and of course the summer work is incredibly challenging.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. Saying thank you --

DR. DEVINE: I will do that.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- sometimes is --

DR. DEVINE: Mr. Lambert, who is here with me today, will thank his team.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Where? Where is he? Oh, great. Wow. And then I just had a quick question. Is the, so what about the new Chesapeake City Elementary School, the requested planning approval?

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DR. DEVINE: Correct.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Is that on track and are you going to use Gilpin Elementary as a prototype?

DR. DEVINE: The plan is to do just that. That's why we want to get it underway so that this will, it will be the same prototype seated on, obviously, different topography. So there may be some adjustments. But that is the plan, to use the Gilpin project as a model.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's great.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: One of the best counties in the State for school maintenance.

DR. DEVINE: Thank you very much. We're very proud of that.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well thank you very much. We want to congratulate the whole county, but we especially want to recognize Calvert Elementary --

DR. DEVINE: Calvert.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- for receiving a superior rating for 2017. And State inspectors noted the exceptional condition of the classrooms and mechanical spaces. And we want to congratulate Principal Elise Harrigan and Head Custodian Doug Reynolds. We've got a resolution from the Board of Public Works to honor them. I don't know if they're here but --

DR. DEVINE: They're not but we will make sure at a Board of Education meeting they are honored. I do have some of my staff here, though.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah, let's take a quick picture with your staff and then present to them.

Thank you very much. And not to be outdone by the Comptroller -

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(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I've got my own very fancy one, and I'd like you to pass it on to --

DR. DEVINE: Thank you very much.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Here, he's got his, too.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: He's got little cheap ones over there, if you want to get one of them. I'm just messing with you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No, that's great. I love it.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: All right. Well thank you very much. Now we're moving on to Frederick County. I see the County Executive is here with us --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Oh, good.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- and the whole team. Good afternoon. Welcome.

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MR. YOUNG: Good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Treasurer Kopp, and Comptroller Franchot. My name is Brad Young. I'm President of the Board of Education for Frederick County. Accompanying me today, as you said, is the Superintendent of Schools, the Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Terry Alban; our County executive Jan Gardner; our Chief Operating Officer Paul Lebo; and Delegate Carol Krimm.

I'd like to take this time to thank the members of the Board of Public Works for the State's ongoing support of our school construction program. Over the years the State has funded our construction program and prioritized by our board at the level and supports our capital program. In those times when State funding was not available at an adequate level, we've been very fortunate that our county government forward funded many of our projects.

Comptroller Franchot, you mentioned recently the school that you were in and you felt the energy. But if you haven't been up yet, we just opened our beautiful new Frederick High School and I'll tell you you get goosebumps walking through, just seeing the energy and the enthusiasm of the students in having that new state of the art facility. So I hope that you get an opportunity --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I got goosebumps when I went through the old school because it was so well taken care of.

MR. YOUNG: Yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And that is a feather in everyone's cap in Frederick County.

MR. YOUNG: They did an outstanding job. As you will see, our priority funding request this year is for reimbursement of two forwarded funded elementary school projects that added much needed seating capacity to our highest residential growth areas. Both of those, Sugarloaf Elementary, which takes care of the overcrowding at Urbana and Centerville Elementary Schools which are both are more than 135 percent capacity, and Butterfly Ridge, which relieved the western end of Frederick which is also well over 100 percent of capacity, we cut the ribbons, I'm sorry, I'd like to cut the ribbons, we break ground on those tomorrow afternoon.

We're not just experiencing growth in those areas. This year Frederick County Public Schools has an enrollment of more than 42,000 students, an increase over more than 800 over last year which was on top of the 600 growth that we had last school year.

Our six-year capital improvement program reflects this growth with eight new schools or addition projects that adds approximately 4,200 seats. FCPS has more than 40 schools that are in whole or in part older than 25 years. Our six-year capital program includes five major capital projects that either renovate or replace aging schools. In addition, our program prioritizes more than 80 systemic projects over the next six years.

We're also trying to do our part to be stewards of the taxpayers. Our approach to school construction models best practice managements and is consistently applauded by State officials. We work creatively to reduce costs through the use of prototype designs, value engineering, and partnerships with our community. We also place a high value on maintaining our facilities. Sixty of our maintenance staff have attained the Facility Management Professional credential issued by the International Facility Management Association and we're consistently recognized for the excellence of our maintenance programs.

With that, I want to turn it over to our County Executive to make a few comments now about our funding efforts and our collaborative relationship with county government.

MS. GARDNER: Good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, and Treasurer Kopp, and to all your staff and everyone else who is here. Thank you for this opportunity. I'm very pleased to be here to express our support for Frederick County's fiscal year school construction request. I'm not going to go through the specific projects because President Young and Dr. Alban will do that for you.

I'm very proud of the excellent working relationship Frederick County Government has with Frederick County Public Schools. This collaborative relationship allows us to problem solve, think innovatively, and keep our schools on time and on schedule which helps us to save money.

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An investment in Frederick County schools is money well spent. Frederick County has a proven track record of responsibly managing our projects, meeting timelines, we use proven prototype designs, we forward fund the State share until the State can reimburse us, and we maintain our schools well to the State's strict maintenance standards. We're very good stewards of tax dollars. In fact, in Frederick County we like to say that we squeeze a dime out of every nickel.

So while we're here to ask you for money, I also want you to be award that we strive to save money. And we strive to save both county and State tax dollars. So after school construction costs rose significantly, I appointed a school construction work group and tasked them to come up with ways to eight to ten percent on our elementary school prototype. Their final report is out. I'm going to leave copies for you and your staff. And they did achieve that and they came up with some very creative ways to save money and I think it's important to share that.

So I urge your support for Frederick County's priority projects for Fiscal Year '19. I thank you for all you do for our students and for our schools. And with that, I'll turn it over to Dr. Alban.

DR. ALBAN: Good afternoon. We're here together as a team because as you indicated earlier, it takes a team and it takes all of us working together to achieve this. I recognize that we're running a little late so you have

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written copies of our testimony. I just wanted to highlight a few key things for you.

The funding of Sugarloaf and Butterfly Ridge, and Mr. Young indicated, very critical to growing the seats that we need in our growing county. The next priority on our list is the initial funding for Urbana Elementary School's replacement. This is a school that was built with the open space design in 1960 and had additions in '65 and '75. Since then there really have only been minor systemic improvements made there. Our team does a facility assessment of all of our buildings and Urbana Elementary School was our top priority. In addition to renovating that building, it will also add about 200 seats to again help us deal with enrollment growth.

We are also asking as our fourth priority for planning approval, no money yet, just planning approval, for the Rock Creek School replacement. This is a school that houses our most medically fragile and significantly special needs students. It was constructed in 1972 and again has had no significant renovation in the past 45 years. And again, that's a credit to our maintenance team and what they are able to do. The county has funded the design for this project in FY '18.

We also then have as priorities for funding for many important systemic renovation projects: roof replacements at several schools, HVAC projects, a boiler replacement, and a sewage pump station.

We thank you for your partnership. We hope that you can see the partnership that we value very much in our community and our schools. And I just want to reiterate, you have acknowledge maintenance records and I believe Frederick County is also at the top of that list. While we would have loved to have brought the principal and the lead custodian from the elementary school that you are going to recognize, it is very challenging to pull them out at lunchtime. And so instead we have our Director of Maintenance and Operations, Mr. Bob Wilkinson is joining us today; and our Manager of Facilities Maintenance, Mr. Curtis Orndorff, is here as well. And they will be very happy to stand in to receive the citation.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Sounds great. Thank you.

DR. ALBAN: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions?

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah. I think it's Jan, but how much have you pre-funded this year? You mentioned pre-funding.

MS. GARDNER: We have pre-funded for the two elementary schools a little less than \$20 million in construction costs. And so we will continue to pre-fund what's next behind that. So every time we get a dollar back, we're putting another dollar out for the next school. So Brad mentioned to you that we're cutting, we're breaking ground tomorrow on two elementary schools. Well they are already well under construction. There is steel up already on both

of them. And so we really needed to do both those schools at a time and the only way to do it was to forward fund. So we've been forward funding schools for probably 15 years or more.

TREASURER KOPP: And that, is there any, I don't know if you were here when Baltimore City was here. But is there any way to cost out how much that has in fact saved? The ability to forward fund so that you can maintain?

MS. GARDNER: We could cost that out because doing a school now versus in the future actually generally saves money.

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah.

MS. GARDNER: Because school construction generally rises. So we can cost that out for you, if you would like that, and send it to you. I'd be happy to do that.

TREASURER KOPP: That would be worth knowing.

MS. GARDNER: So we have a whole, we had an analysis done and I just don't know the numbers off the top of my head.

TREASURER KOPP: No, I appreciate it. Thanks.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other questions?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. I just wanted to say I appreciated the testimony of Superintendent Alban, and also Chairman Young, and County Executive Gardner. That's terrific stuff. I see that Oakdale

Elementary School has once again earned a superior rating in the 2017 inspection. If I could just read the quote of the inspector. These folks are very, well they are used to leaving black and blue marks behind them because they don't suffer fools gladly. They just go in and do the 37 tests and what is ends up in the report. Here's their report on Oakdale Elementary in Frederick County from their 2017 inspection: "This building is an example of how comprehensive maintenance management, good preventive maintenance, excellent on site custodial care, and an environment of teamwork can ensure exemplary conditions in a school year after year after year."

I mean, hats off. Mr. Chairman, if you have an annual thank you for your team up there, I'd love to swing by and I understand, Madam Superintendent, that you invest in the professional development of your facility management personnel to support accountability and to provide consistent quality. Your maintenance and operations department has become a leader in the State and a model for other systems. I have to ask you about the process you developed to measure the instructional suitability, I never heard that term, instructional suitability of classrooms. What exactly did you determine to be the parameters of the optimal learning environment in terms of temperature, humidity, and lighting? And maybe Mr., is it Mr. Lebo who is the Chief Operating Officer?

MR. LEBO: Yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Maybe you want to just make a quick comment on that if, I didn't mean to spring it on you.

MR. LEBO: Well I appreciate the opportunity, sir. So really it's a credit to the two gentlemen that are behind me, the ones that are working in the trenches everyday doing the assessments that you talk about with temperature, humidity, and lighting. And really attempting to bring all of our instructional space up to a level playing field for all of our students, whether our buildings are 75 years old or they are a year old.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And once again, I, you know, I'm associating myself with the remarks of the Governor and the Treasurer as to what can we do to promote best practices. I know what we can do. You know, figure out how you guys can give a seminar to your peers around the State and how you do it. And it's, I, once again, I think it's management and leadership as opposed to just, you know, do we have ten people rather than nine people. So success breeds success. And if there are any ideas you have, and the Treasurer wanted to join me, and the Governor, in promoting what you are doing. I don't mean to say we don't need a systemic program, Madam Treasurer, and more money, and more staff. I'm all for that. But they are already doing it. Madam County Executive, if I were you, I'd put it all over my campaign literature.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. Because --

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MR. YOUNG: Mr. Comptroller, I did want to add --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Unless Mr. Young is running against you. I'm sorry.

MR. YOUNG: No. No. Mr. Young is in the running for retirement. I just wanted to add in relation to your question about an awards program, we do have an awards program every summer I'm always honored to attend, where we recognize all the schools, every school that's evaluated in their different levels of achievement that they have. And there's many schools that receive the highest level every year. And you can tell when you go to that because it's all the custodial staff, their supervisors, their building managers, the pride that they take in giving a great facility for our students, who are our customers, that they can go everyday and feel good about the facility that they are in. That's why it works.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Something unique in Frederick County that you guys have put together. And it's very commendable and should be exported around the State.

TREASURER KOPP: Could I just build on that? The other thing I find really interesting is your note, I guess it's yours, right, I don't know. But we continue to rely on innovative training and skill development to develop in-house staff. If your program of assessing capacity of the staff and then building it is

something that could be shared? Because I think you heard, I mean, this is a concern across the State, keeping up the caliber of staff.

MR. LEBO: Yeah, always internal building is important because as you know in Frederick County the cost of labor has gone up. And finding people to fill positions is not always easy. We have a program, you heard about Rock Creek. We have another program called Success, which is for many of our disabled and challenged students after they graduate or finish at age 18. This teaches them actual life skills. And two years ago there was a graduate and in that program he learned life skills and he is now a custodian at one of our middle schools. He's living on his own, paying his own rent, paying tax dollars. And that never would have happened without the development that he got through our school program. So it is a way of helping us develop and keep good people in Frederick County.

TREASURER KOPP: Right. I think, I mean, it's something to look at, bringing these items together.

DR. ALBAN: And I think in terms of professional learning for our support staff, you have to make that a priority just as you do for your instructional staff. And I really do want to credit Mr. Lebo, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Orndorff. Because they have put together professional learning plans. And it has shown our employees a career pathway. Just because you're here, with training and with

these kinds of supports, here's where you could go. And that kind of professional growth within the field is very important to them as well.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And I just want to note for the record that having the County Executive here is very helpful. And it's a mystery to me why the county execs from the other jurisdictions have so much trouble finding this. Because this is something they should all be tuned to. But thank you. And Mr. Young, thank you also, Chairman Young. Yeah, it makes a difference.

MR. YOUNG: Having the great working relationship with the county is a, again, it shouldn't be unique but it seems like in some areas it is. We have a great relationship. They have been extremely supportive in building the capacity we need. The forward funding, again, these two buildings, we drove by one yesterday that the steel is up. We are officially cutting the ribbon tomorrow -- I keep wanting to cut the ribbon.

DR. ALBAN: Doing the shovel tour.

MR. YOUNG: We just got done cutting the ribbon, or doing the shovel tour, but the building is up and it will be open for school year next year on time and ready to go for those students to relieve those issues that we have in those areas. So we couldn't do that without the cooperation of the county.

MS. GARDNER: And I have to point out, I want to go back to this saving money on building schools. We're all interested in that. So we put the construction people together, between the county and the private sector. And one

of the things they recommended is to reduce the volume of our elementary school prototype. Literally save space between floors and reduce the height in the classrooms. They did this with the HVAC systems, the sprinkler systems, and all that in mind. And it saves \$2 million on our prototype. It's not a little bit of money. It's a lot of money. And so we try to make money go farther in Frederick County. And I think that's important, too.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: On the sheet I have here it says, on some of the unique challenges that you face, you have \$457 per square foot construction costs, which is some of the highest in the whole State. So, I mean, it's great that you're trying to squeeze more out of a dollar. But the costs are some of the highest we've seen anywhere.

DR. ALBAN: A lot of that has to do with site work and the cost of that going up significantly. And just about anywhere we dig, we find rock, which adds a lot to that. And we don't have a lot of flat areas to work with. So I think that's a big part of why you see that discrepancy.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Now we have a presentation to give to Oakdale Elementary. And I know there, if we can just get the whole group up here we'll, and you can pass it on to them.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: How about the Superintendent --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We've got to balance it out here. It's hard to get by.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. There we go.

DR. ALBAN: I'm going to actually give it back to you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: You can give it back --

DR. ALBAN: Thank you very much. We appreciate this. Thank you for all you do.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Allegany County. Good afternoon.

DR. COX: Good afternoon.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I was happy to be in Allegany County. It's good to see you guys again. It's been a long time, a couple days now. Thank you very much.

DR. COX: Good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Treasurer Kopp, Comptroller Franchot, and Dr. Salmon, Dr. Gorrell, members of the IAC. I'm David Cox. I'm Superintendent of Schools in Allegany County, and I have with me our Board President Mrs. Laurie Marchini; Delegate Jason Buckel, who is representing the Western Maryland legislative delegation; Commission President Jake Shade; and our Facilities Director Mr. Vince Montana. So thank you for the opportunity to be here today and bring you greetings from Western Maryland. And Governor, again, thank you for being with us last week to tour our Career and Technology Center and to see the new P-TECH program that's up and going -

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: It's great.

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DR. COX: -- and for sharing with us and visiting Western Maryland.

So I know that you're running behind schedule so I'll try to be as brief and I can and then to leave --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We appreciate that.

DR. COX: -- time for any questions that you --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Because the Comptroller is getting hungry. He gets cranky if we don't get to lunch --

DR. COX: Okay. I'll do my best. So I didn't bring a Snickers, I'm sorry.

(Laughter.)

DR. COX: So just I'll cut to the chase, then. So we're here today, first of all to thank you, the Board of Public Works, and the IAC, for your support of our projects. And the big thing that's happening of course right now is the construction for the replacement of our Allegany. We brought pictures today. So at your place you have some progress photos. And I know, Comptroller, you were there earlier, and then Secretary Brinkley has been there recently in September, and as well he attended the groundbreaking.

So we did break ground in May of 2016 for that project that we're scheduled to open in the fall of 2018, next year.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Exciting.

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DR. COX: So we're excited about this project.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: It's coming along great.

DR. COX: This replaces a 1926 vintage high school that really had come to the end of its useful life. One of the things that we pride ourselves for is trying to squeeze every drop of life out of our facilities that we can and then we also value being good stewards of all the resources that you generously apportion to us. So --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you for that. And then we're so happy to fund the new school.

DR. COX: Absolutely.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: But 1926 is kind of a fairly new building because --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- Secretary Churchill is maintaining a 243-year-old building right here and it still looks pretty good.

DR. COX: Yes. It does look good. Absolutely.

So our request today is for the final phase of State funding in the amount of \$3.9 million to complete the Allegany replacement project. And then also for \$884,000 for the roof replacement at Bel Air Elementary, which is a 1994 vintage roof. And that's the short of it.

But we would also like to say we don't have a date yet but as soon as we do, we want to invite all of you to come out for our celebration for the groundbreaking and hope that as many of you, we know your schedules are busy, but we would love to have you to celebrate this victory for our community with the replacement of Allegany High School.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Absolutely.

DR. COX: So --

TREASURER KOPP: I congratulate you. I remember when you came in --

DR. COX: Yes.

TREASURER KOPP: -- you all came in with the project for the high school, and the pictures --

DR. COX: Yes.

TREASURER KOPP: -- of the old school. And it's, it's a new day.

DR. COX: It is.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Do you have a guesstimate on the timing of when we might be celebrating that?

DR. COX: I really, I don't know. Mr. Montana? Do you? I don't.

MR. MONTANA: The dedication?

DR. COX: Yes.

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MR. MONTANA: We'll certainly work around your schedule.

DR. COX: Absolutely.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I don't want to slow it down. I'm just saying --

DR. COX: I'll tell you what we can do.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- I want to make sure I've blocked out my calendar.

DR. COX: What we can do is when we see a window coming up, we'll share that window with you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great.

DR. COX: And then we'll work with your schedule. So we'd love to have all of you there.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Any questions for Allegany County? They came all the way down from --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- Mountain Maryland to see us today.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well I just want to underscore that, how grateful I am to see Dr. Cox, Superintendent Cox here, and President Marchini and President Shade and Delegate Buckel, and of course Vince Montana, whom we know from many, many years of work. I think it's terrific

you're here. And Allegany County stands tall. They used to say about Louis Goldstein, I think the phrase was that he would squeeze a dime so hard that a buffalo nickel jumped out.

(Laughter.)

DR. COX: But you guys do that everyday up there. And thank you for the leadership that you provide the county and I appreciate the fact that the Governor has been out there a lot and President Jake, do you want to say a word?

MR. SHADE: Well we're just so grateful for your continued support. And this building is something that is state of the art throughout the whole State of Maryland. And to have that in Cumberland, we very much appreciate that. So thank you --

DR. COX: An Allegany alumnus.

MR. SHADE: That's right. Exactly. Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Very good. A very recent Allegany alumnus.

(Laughter.)

MR. SHADE: Last year, that's right.

DR. COX: Actually I came in 2009 and Jake was playing basketball at Allegany High School.

MS. MARCHINI: State champions.

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DR. COX: Yes, State championship team.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Very good. Awesome.

DR. COX: Yes.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Delegate Buckel, do you want to say anything?

DELEGATE BUCKEL: No. All I want to do is to simply say how much we do appreciate it. I know the Governor and his administration have been great. This project required a little bit of special funding, quite frankly, to get there because of the relative contributions that have been made by the county. All of you that have been there and looked at the pictures know that it was simply untenable to continue to educate kids in that particular building because of the variety of problems. And we're extremely excited. We only have three full high schools, other than the Career Center, in Allegany County. Less than about ten years ago we consolidated some schools, we built one new school called Mountain Ridge, and this will be the second one. And it's a tremendous thing for all of Allegany County. And I'm here, I drew the short straw. All of the members of our delegation were here yesterday for the Spending Affordability Committee briefing. And since they elected me delegation chair they said, well, you have to stay for tomorrow.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well thank you for sticking around.

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DELEGATE BUCKEL: Well I'm very, very happy to be here and very appreciative for all that the folks in the room do for our county.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well we were happy to fund this project and we're appreciative of all the great work of all of you. So thank you so much.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Laurie, do you want to just say, it's a long drive down.

MS. MARCHINI: I'll echo what these gentlemen have said. Thank you so much for your continued support and for your continued visits. It means a lot to us and we really, really appreciate it.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you all very much.

TREASURER KOPP: I have a completely different question. How are the leaves right now? This week?

(Laughter.)

MS. MARCHINI: Well last week was Autumn Glory in Garrett County --

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah. And it was warm.

MS. MARCHINI: -- and it, oh, it was very warm. And I think we're getting there but we're still pretty green. We're hoping to see more red. It's really green and brown right now.

DR. COX: They are more colorful in Garrett County than in Allegany County.

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MS. MARCHINI: But it's --

TREASURER KOPP: Thank you.

DR. COX: And you know, an open invitation. Any time you want to come visit, let us know. We'll make it happen.

TREASURER KOPP: There is nothing like Western Maryland in the fall, in the autumn.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We'll be back.

DR. COX: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

MS. MARCHINI: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Next up we have Calvert County, or Calvert County, depending on how you like to say it.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Speaking of Louis Goldstein.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's the way Louis used to say it. Good afternoon.

DR. CURRY: Good afternoon.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Delegate, good afternoon.

DR. CURRY: Governor, Comptroller, Treasurer. I bring you greetings from the Calvert County Board of Education, our faculty, and students that we serve. We have with us today representing our delegation Delegate Mark Fisher. We have Board of Education member Dawn Balinski, and we have

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Director of Construction Shuchita Warner and Supervisor of Construction Darrell Barricklow. As we appear before you today we hope to outline our unique challenges and some of the strengths of Calvert County Schools, and as well as our capital planning priorities for FY '19.

The housing boom ended in 2008 and affected everyone across the country and we're still struggling to bounce back from that. So one of our challenges has been declining enrollment. The last ten years our enrollment has declined almost nine percent. This present school year we're down about 90 students from our number from last year. At the same time the percentage of students on free and reduced lunch has increased by almost 50 percent.

During the last ten years we've built one new elementary school and replaced two schools. We have a third replacement school currently under construction. This represents an average replacement rate of one school every three years. Now the level of funding from our local government does not allow us to build any more frequently than that. At this rate of funding our current Northern High School, which is scheduled to be completed in 2020, maybe its replacement wouldn't be available until 75 years later. Additionally almost one-third of our inventory was constructed in the nineties and during that period of steady population growth. As this large percentage of inventory continues to age we're starting to see a lot of systematic issues that are going to require capital dollars toward systematic renovations.

These are some of the challenges we face. However, our funding stream has become more limited over time and we've been forced to look for some innovative ways to make our buildings last longer and I think we've been pretty successful and most folks are aware of that.

We take pride in our buildings and our building service workers and maintenance department act as if they own those buildings. Currently 50 percent of our Calvert schools score superior. The remaining 50 percent in the good category. In fact, the only building inspected in 2017 is Northern Middle School, built in 1976, and its score was a good 89.33 in the latest round of inspections. This speaks a lot for our maintenance and building service crew. Our buildings are the foundation of the community and our staff understands it. When they take pride in caring for our buildings the students that walk through those doors will also take pride in their schools.

Secondly, we're good stewards of the citizens' dollars. Over the last ten years we have seen a decline of enrollment but we've learned to maximize our maintenance budget. And our operations cost per square foot has decreased by ten percent. We have also reduced our energy consumption in that time by 16 percent.

Thirdly, we believe in a combination of preventive maintenance and frequent systematic projects equal good planning. The Board of Public Works has received information on the average condition index, the FCI, for each

school district and Calvert's overall FCI is 18 percent, which is very low. Much of that is attributable to our preventive maintenance and successfully addressing systematic issues as they arise. We identify and complete multiple projects with qualifying through the Aging Schools Program, QZAB, and local energy initiatives. Based upon the general rule of thumb, that facilities FCI increases by two percent every year. The average FCI in Calvert County really should be 42 percent rather than 18.

Finally I want to highlight our ask for today. We have three projects in our current CIP. Our first priority is continued funding for Northern High School. It is currently 40 percent complete and on schedule and for FY '19 we request \$9,312,000. Our second and third priorities are both systematic renovation projects. Priority two is for the replacement of chillers and cooling tower at Patuxent High School, which soon will be our youngest high school at 22 years old. The equipment has reached its life cycle and require \$397,500 in State funding for a total project cost of \$750,000. Priority three is for the replacement of the building automation system and HVAC equipment at Southern Middle School. The existing pneumatic controls are an outdated technology, prone to leaks, and the new controls will be state of the art, digital equipment. It will require \$311,640 in State funding and a total project cost of \$588,000.

We take seriously this enormous task before the Board of Public Works. We hope that we have been successful in demonstrating our commitment

to taking good care of our facilities and an eye toward fiscal stewardship. We appreciate your time.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Would Delegate Fisher or anybody else in your group like to say anything?

DELEGATE FISHER: Just here to support the Superintendent in Calvert County. I'm happy to be here. Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: If I could just say, Governor, how pleased I am with Calvert. Because you tied in the best in the State on the five-year average maintenance scores. But I do have a thing I'd like to flag for you for Northern Middle School. Apparently it has some, in the latest inspection, sagging ceiling tiles caused by roof leaks and a lack of humidity control. I trust someone is going to correct that. I know you want to build a new school but I hope you're not like some jurisdictions in the State that say, hey, you know, we're going to build a new school, so why repair it?

DR. CURRY: Well we keep, we try to keep up with, ceiling tile gets stained occasionally from condensation and that is perhaps one of the reasons why our work is generally --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, but you should, if you could get back to us, just have someone send us a note saying yeah, we --

DR. CURRY: I'm sure we have. But we will get back to you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- because, okay.

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DR. CURRY: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great. Any other questions? Thank you all very much.

DR. CURRY: Thank you very much.

TREASURER KOPP: Congratulations also to the school system on your excellent PARCC standing, PARCC report.

DR. CURRY: Thank you very much. We appreciate your noticing.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: Great.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you all very much. And last but not least before we break, Carroll County. Carroll County is the only thing standing between us and a bathroom break.

(Laughter.)

MR. GUTHRIE: That's always a good position to be in.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Don't want to put any pressure on you.

TREASURER KOPP: Don't think a thing about it.

MR. GUTHRIE: Good afternoon, Mr. Governor, Comptroller Franchot, Treasurer Kopp. My name is Steve Guthrie. I'm Superintendent of Carroll County Public Schools. First of all, thank you for last year's over \$3 million in State participation of our projects.

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I want to briefly cover our current request and then briefly, very briefly, look at the six-year capital plan. As I brought to you in the last several years, we're focusing on systemics, two roof projects for elementary schools, and elementary HVAC. We are beginning to look at our science classrooms, so I have two high school science renovations. And then a major electrical upgrade and replacement to our largest high school, Westminster High School. Some of the equipment is original to the school, which was built in the early seventies. And also we want to add a generator, an expanded generator to that system to cover all systems.

Over, however, the next year we have two big projects that I wanted to just briefly discuss that you'll be seeing. One is adding square footage and modernizing our current Career and Technology Center for its excellent programs. And the second is we have a school, a middle school that was built in 1938 as part of the Roosevelt Jobs Project that was renovated in '75, so it's 40 years past the renovation. And we're going to have to deal with a modernization or the Board is exploring possibilities of, because we've continued declining in enrollments, creating a new grade configuration, a K through 8 school and retiring that school along with another older elementary school, and building one school to replace two but with a grade configuration of K through 8.

With that, those are our overview of our major projects over the next six years and what we're asking for and I'll be happy to answer any questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you for being here today. And your submission talks about the declining enrollment --

MR. GUTHRIE: Mm-hmm.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- you mention that, and the loss of revenue. Under the new IAC's proposed State-local cost share percentages, Carroll County is slated to lose about four percent. How is that loss going to impact you?

MR. GUTHRIE: Well it affects us in a number of different ways because of the declining enrollment. County revenue is down as well and so their participation in our projects is limited. So it just means we have to stretch the dollar that we get further. And that's where we're looking at creative things such as creating a grade configuration change instead of just building a new or modernizing an existing building; and looking at instead of a new Career and Technology Center, an addition and a modernization to try to make those projects as cost effective as we can but also adding appropriate improvements to the instructional programs.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Any questions?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. How much is the four percent?

MR. GUTHRIE: Well it drops from, what, 59 to 55. And it depends on our project. But it's, I don't know offhand, Mr. Comptroller, but it's millions of dollars in State participation.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. Well thank you for your efforts. And if you tell your elected colleagues back there that it would be nice to have a, as much as I want to get to the bathroom, it would be nice to have some of them show up just to support the concept. And then I haven't asked it all day, so I will just before I get out of here, how is school after Labor Day doing? It's so popular. I hear about it all over the State, that it's going forward seamlessly. I know you and others had some concerns. But you know, isn't, doesn't victory have 1,000 fathers?

MR. GUTHRIE: We have had a very good start. We have had a very good school. There doesn't appear this year to be any interruption in our instructional program. We may struggle at the end of the year depending on how many emergency closing days we have, but we'll cross that bridge when we come to it.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Okay. Well --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Let's start helping make it noteworthy because it's very popular. And undermining it, not that you do that, Mr. Superintendent, but undermining it just really I think is a non-starter. And I'm --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well I'm --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- once again I thank you for putting the thing through. Because I think it's good for the State.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Let me just, I wasn't going to bring that subject up --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- but since the Comptroller did, let me just say that, you know, the Legislature took a look at whether we should start school after Labor Day. They passed legislation and created a mandated commission. It was appointed by Governor O'Malley. It included education experts, principals, teachers. And they voted 13 to two to start school after Labor Day and to mandate that. And Governor O'Malley supported it, President Miller supported it. And 13 out of the 15 members of the legislative commission, this happened before I got here, that was the vote in 2014 when I was running for Governor. And the Legislature failed to act on it because the teachers union didn't like it.

We finally did what everybody wanted to do and 83 percent of the people in Maryland approve of it strongly, including an overwhelming majority of teachers, students, and parents. And so there's a few administrators that didn't think it was such a good idea but they've been out ruled by almost everyone that's looked at it. So thank you very much. Any other questions for Carroll County?

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TREASURER KOPP: Let me say, I didn't know this subject would be brought up.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Me either.

TREASURER KOPP: But I'm on record and will continue to be on record thinking that that decision was the responsibility of the school authorities, the locally elected school boards, and --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well the --

TREASURER KOPP: -- Legislature did not accept the report. And speaking for people from whom I've heard, it's a mixed bag because people now have to spend more to send their children to another program for the last week.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: It's --

TREASURER KOPP: That's a problem. And we'll see in the counties in the next year how they deal with the problem in terms of what's going to have to be cut out of the calendar. But I do congratulate you on a well-run school system.

MR. GUTHRIE: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much.

MR. GUTHRIE: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Just a, I think we're done with Carroll County. But before we break for lunch I'd just like to address that. The commission was put together and appointed by the Legislature.

TREASURER KOPP: Absolutely.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Their commission decided --

TREASURER KOPP: Recommended.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- recommended 13 to two. The Governor, the previous Governor supported it, and so did the experts that studied it. And I'm sure that they're going to find a way to deal with the calendar. It's still 180 days. It doesn't cost you any more for any additional time. And it doesn't lose any school lunches. It's still 180 lunches.

TREASURER KOPP: No school, no school lunches.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: All this stuff is nonsense. Anne Arundel County, for example, threatened to eliminate spring break when they have 16 teacher union days. This is, you know, I would say the school superintendents and board members that keep talking about this are really doing themselves a disservice. Because the people in their school systems overwhelmingly, strongly support this and it's not going to change.

TREASURER KOPP: Governor, I respect your opinion --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: So thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: -- and we'll see how it works out. I just happen to differ.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Very good. All right. We're going to break for lunch. Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: All right.

(Short recess taken.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Welcome back to the second half of our school construction hearing. Thank you for being patient with us. The morning ran a little long but we're ready to get started with first up at bat, Washington County. Good afternoon.

DR. MICHAEL: Good afternoon, Governor. I'd like to invite --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Looks like we've got quite a Washington County delegation.

DR. MICHAEL: We do. We have a great group here with us today. In the interests of time I'll go ahead and get started here quickly, and I'll do some introductions in just a moment. But Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, Treasurer Kopp, on behalf of Washington County Public Schools we respectfully request your consideration for our FY '19 capital improvement request. This year we have four requests. Our first priority is our urban education campus, known as a variety of different names, but our downtown project. Approximately \$6 million is our request for this year. Sharpsburg Elementary

School replacement project, approximately \$6.5 million request. And two roof projects for Boonsboro Elementary and South Hagerstown High School, approximately \$1 million each.

I want to personally thank the Governor and the Board of Public Works, for all that you've done for Washington County. Governor Hogan, your staff has been out and you have been out to Washington County. We're very grateful for that. Comptroller, you are a frequent visitor to Washington County. We always appreciate your visits and your support, particularly for our systemic projects and your interest in the maintenance. And Treasurer Kopp, you've been with us for a long time, all the way back to Barbara Ingram School for the Arts, and when Betty Morgan was here, and the support you've given us over the years has been greatly appreciated.

Our first priority, our Board of Education component of the urban education campus. It's a downtown project. We see it as a one in a generation opportunity to revitalize Downtown Hagerstown. We're partnering with the Washington County Board of Education, the Board of County Commissioners, the City of Hagerstown, the Maryland Theater, the University System of Maryland of Hagerstown, and many other people to revitalize this important center of Washington County.

With us today we do have Delegate Brett Wilson somewhere here behind me. I think you'll recognize --

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: He's towering over your shoulder there.

DR. MICHAEL: -- Delegate Wilson. Also Administrator Rob Slocum is with us from Washington County. One of our County Commissioners, John Barr, I think someone all of you know very well is with us today and we greatly appreciate Mr. Barr coming, not only as a County Commissioner but as an entrepreneur in Washington County and the support he gives throughout Washington County. City Councilman is with us today --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And as a former President of MACo.

DR. MICHAEL: Absolutely. City Councilwoman is with us today, Emily Keller. We appreciate her support and the City's support for this project. And also with us today is Mr. Don Bowman and his President Rob Ferree of Bowman Development Corporation. Mr. Bowman, like Mr. Barr, has been a great supporter not only of downtown but of many, many initiatives in Washington County and we greatly appreciate their efforts. Also with me today I'm proud to have our President of the Board Melissa Williams and Vice President of the Board Mr. Stan Stouffer.

So the urban improvement project consists of several big pieces, our part of the building which is a four-story, 45,600-square-foot building with classroom space. It's going to support our wonderfully successful Barbara Ingram School for the Arts, as well as some other programs we plan to put downtown. It's going to expand our footprint downtown by 340 students. It's

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also going to be connected to the Maryland Theater, which is another part of the downtown revitalization effort. That is going to be a complete restoration of the front of the Maryland Theater, a four-story structure there, an area that burned on the theater back in the seventies.

Also the University of Maryland is constructing a new building, renovating a building where they are going to have hospitality and STEM labs. And our students are going to take advantage of the STEM labs, college level STEM labs, which is going to accommodate an additional 75 students.

So we're very excited about this total project. For our portion it's about \$19.2 million, including furnishings, the purchase of the land, the construction of the facility. Our Board of Education has dedicated \$4 million of their own money towards this project, which is a little unusual for capital projects. And the City is a big part of this thing in owning the bridge that's going to connect our urban center with the University of Maryland center. So you can see this whole effort is a true, true community effort.

Our second request this year is for Sharpsburg Elementary replacement school. The school opened in 1936. It had a '67 addition, an '83 addition. It ranks lowest among all our facilities in Washington County and the State agrees that this school needs to be replaced, not refurbished. So we're excited to have that building as our second request. It will remain on the campus of the current facility. We've actually, the County Commissioners have added

some land, bought some, purchased some land behind the facility. And it will remain at the same site it has for over 80 years. It will have some additional community space, which we're excited about.

And again, our other two projects are systemic projects, the Boonsboro Elementary School roof replacement, South High roof replacement. It's actually the third phase of the project for South High. These roofs will cover over 1,800 students and provide a clean, safe, dry environment for them. And we're excited about that.

One of the big efforts in Washington County is to try to extend the life of our systemic projects. So if the normal life of something is 15 or 20 years, our pattern has been to expand those things to 20, 25, 30 years, even longer if possible.

So with all that, we respectfully just acknowledge our request here of \$14,812,000 and we'd be glad to answer any questions. And we certainly thank you for your support in the past.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well thank you. We, I will point out that after we've been here all day this is the largest and most distinguished delegation --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- that we've seen from any county. So thank you all for taking the time to come down. I want to reiterate my strong

support, not only for the rest of the request but particularly for the Hagerstown urban improvement project. I mean, I just think this is a perfect example of bringing together the public-private partnership. It's a centerpiece of the revitalization of downtown. And it's good for education and the arts and, you know, we're investing \$7 million over the next five years for part of that outside of the school system. So we just want to let you know that we think this is a great program. And I'll open it up to any questions from my colleagues.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I salute the attendance. I know it's a long trip down but I really personally appreciate it. We encourage every jurisdiction to do this because it brings everybody together. And so I completely echo and underscore what the Governor just said. But I've been a strong supporter of the Barbara Ingram School. I'm just wondering, how is that going to be connected to the Maryland Theater and the new University of Maryland Hagerstown facility?

DR. MICHAEL: So part of our partnership, the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts is, you know, one building. Then the building between the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts and the theater is the building that was going to be our new urban educational center. So there will be interconnecting hallways, interconnecting stair towers. Even the elevator of Barbara Ingram will connect to the new building.

More exciting than that, though, there's two connections to the Maryland Theater. So when you come off of our loading dock, which will be shared by the Maryland Theater because they have a terrible loading, unloading situation right now, we're going to share the loading dock and dumpster space with them, and then we come off our dock right straight into stage level of the Maryland Theater. Our students are on the stage everyday at the Maryland Theater when it doesn't have a performance. So we have a great partnership worked out with them.

On the third floor of our new building it will also be connected to the Maryland Theater. And they are building a room that replicates the size of the theater stage. So we're probably going to move a lot of our activities up there. It's going to free up their auditorium and their stage during the day for other activities. When we do our performances, obviously, we'll move down to the stage.

So all three buildings will be connected. Then there is a connecting pedestrian bridge that will connect Barbara Ingram School for the Arts, the new building, between the Theater, the new building, Barbara Ingram, that will connect us to the University of Maryland building.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Great. And Delegate Wilson and Senator Serafini both contacted me about my concern about the school system hiring a connection agency for the monies that owed you from the school lunch,

school meal accounts. I'm the State tax collector. I have to use collection agencies. Let me just say it politely, it's a rather impersonal way to collect money. And yes, there may be some folks up there in Washington County that have the resources to reimburse you. But there are also a lot of people that just are not able to, just because of the nature of the economic situation right now. So I would just urge everybody to be cautious about doing that. Because if you get the wrong collection firm that harasses people and humiliates people and, you know, that can really backfire. And if there's some way I could help you think through, since it's a relatively de minimus amount of money, you know, added up to a lot, I would be, I'd love to be included in that.

And I'm going to end this by giving Mr. Bowman one of my much coveted Comptroller medallions. I said I was the tax collector. Thank you for your family's success and economic activity --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thanks for paying all those taxes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

DR. MICHAEL: Okay. Thank you very much.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: Could I just --

DR. MICHAEL: Sure.

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TREASURER KOPP: Could I just add, although the Comptroller did mention in addition to Delegate Wilson, you have a great advocate in Senator Serafini who --

DR. MICHAEL: I failed to mention him and I should have today. He's out of town or he would be here with us. It was in my script but I was trying to go quickly.

TREASURER KOPP: Yes, he is a great supporter, as I am, of this project. Which I think will not only be a great educational project and great for the Barbara Ingram School, and the like, but actually for Hagerstown and the whole region. I'm really, I don't get excited about a lot of things. But this is really --

DR. MICHAEL: Well it will be very exciting. When it's all complete we'd invite all of you to come up --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I look forward to it.

DR. MICHAEL: -- and participate in something at the Theater, tour the school, tour the University of Maryland. It's just an excellent, excellent revitalization effort.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Would a Delegate or a Commissioner or anyone else like to add anything? Or --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yep.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We appreciate you all being here.

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DELEGATE WILSON: And I'll add, because as much as I respect all of you I respect your time even more, but just thank you for the consideration you've given us, the attention you've paid to Washington County, and all the support you've given to Hagerstown. We couldn't do it without you and we certainly appreciate it. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Delegate.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Hey, keep me in the loop on your baseball team.

DELEGATE WILSON: Oh, we will.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I'm a big fan of the Suns. And, you know, it's, every urban area that gets a sports team always, you know, they are always controversial but people appreciate them once they are there, I think.

DELEGATE WILSON: We will be in touch. Thank you very much.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

MR. BARR: Well thank you, also, on behalf of Hagerstown, and Washington County, the private and public sectors. I've never in my lifetime being a lifelong resident of Hagerstown seen where all the entities have come together. And we're all excited. So thank you very much.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you all.

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Have Mr. Bowman say something.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I admire your family tremendously.

MR. BOWMAN: We just appreciate the consideration. And I think John's right. We're going to get it together this time. We've got a lot going for us and we need your help and appreciate it.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Absolutely. Well, thank you all very much. Next up we have Wicomico County. We're going from Western Maryland to the Shore.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Geez --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: These guys are normally at the end.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I see, I see a couple of our distinguished Delegates and our Senator. It looks we've got quite a -- well I was talking about the other Delegate, the other two Delegates I was referring to. But there's three. So the whole team is here.

DR. HANLIN: I'll start by saying --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Boy.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Wow. Okay. I'll take back what I said about the group before you being the largest and most distinguished group.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: You guys tied them.

DR. HANLIN: Good afternoon. Governor Hogan, Treasurer Kopp, and Comptroller Franchot, my name is Donna Hanlin and I'm the Superintendent of Schools in Wicomico County. And I just appreciate the opportunity to be here to discuss with you our major capital needs for FY 2019 and for your ongoing support.

I would like to recognize those individuals, some of the individuals, who are with us today, in addition to my exemplary staff who are here. We're also joined by Board President Don Fitzgerald and Board member John Palmer; as well as Assistant Director of Administration for our County, County Executive Culver was not able to be with us today, but Weston Young has joined us today from his office. We also have Senator Mathias, Delegate Mautz, Delegate Otto, Delegate Carozza, and last but not least, Delegate Anderton.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Oh boy.

DR. HANLIN: And as I said, I just --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: A full house.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, it breaks the record.

DR. HANLIN: -- exceptional staff with me today as well. As described in what you received earlier, the template that we responded with, we do face many unique challenges in Wicomico County. We have a growing enrollment, including a growing free and reduced meal count, and our wealth per pupil is second lowest in the State. So we do face many challenges but we're in front of you today to share with you our specific capital project requests for FY '19 and supporting project profiles for your consideration.

We are pleased, first, to report to you that the replacement West Salisbury Elementary School is well underway and is on schedule and within budget and will be opening its doors to a very excited community in the 2018-2019 school year, so next fall. We are very appreciative of our local government, who came forward and helped us with forward funding the project to meet our current cash flow need and therefore our current fiscal request for this coming year as our third and final installment for that project. That's West Salisbury.

Our second priority is limited renovation to Delmar Elementary. We've made significant progress this past year, including completion of the construction documents which have been submitted to DGS for review. And we look forward to preparing to bid the trade contracts in the new year. This limited renovation at Delmar will address such things as HVAC, ceilings, and lighting systems, among other, plus a new elevator to serve the second floor of that school. Architectural improvements include upgrades to the cafeteria and to the

gymnasium, as well as enclosing existing open classroom spaces throughout the school.

Our third priority, which we are very excited about, is a replacement Beaver Run Elementary School. This year we're seeking planning approval as we proceed further with project development. This school has multiple systemic needs, including HVAC, roofing, windows, electrical, and plumbing systems. The campus style, it's currently a campus style school, it experiences occasional flooding with heavy rains and exposes students to the elements during class changes because of the existing breezeways. But most importantly the school lacks the necessary space to support the current enrollment and to support current instructional needs.

A feasibility study was conducted and a full replacement was approved as the most economical option at both the local and State level. This option addresses educational programs as well as provides new building systems to ensure compliance with current building, life safety, energy, and accessibility code requirements.

We're well underway in the development of the educational specifications. The new school also offers an opportunity to partner with the Wicomico County Health Department to provide much needed services to the community through what will be our third wellness center in Wicomico County. In addition it will provide enough space so that all Beaver Run pre-kindergarten

students are under one roof, which will assist us with one of our major priorities which is the implementation of universal pre-kindergarten in Wicomico County Schools.

Our fourth and fifth priority projects involve roof replacements at Glen Avenue Elementary and Pinehurst Elementary. Both building roof areas noted will reach an average age of 30 by 2019 and have exceeded what patching can accomplish and no longer be deferred. It's essential that we provide complete weather tight building enclosure for all of our buildings, even our oldest structures.

We are mindful of the attention that school construction projects have received recently. It's important to Wicomico County that we continue to make data driven decisions to systematically address the challenges that we face in Wicomico for our school facilities. Our maintenance inspection record demonstrates consistently that we are good stewards with taxpayer dollars, as evidenced in the citation that you'll be providing, citing today. We do have staff with us from Pittsville.

To further improve our efforts, we are addressing our varied project needs by integrating all aspects of facility management within one database over the course of this next year. Our goal is to have the day to day work order system tied into our condition assessment information so that all information is current when time sensitive funding issues arise. This proactive

approach will connect our facility planning efforts to our maintenance protocols, thereby improving our customer service to our students, our staff, and our community.

In Wicomico County we take great pride in collaborating with both local and State government, as you can see those who are with us today, regarding our public school facilities and associated funding needs. We're facing many challenges, as discussed earlier, aging building infrastructure, increased enrollments, and expanding educational initiatives. We can't operate in isolation and to accomplish our goals we need to work together. So we're very pleased to be before you today, appreciate the time that you've allowed for us to present our needs to you, and again appreciate your ongoing support.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well thank you very much. We appreciate you being here and we sure appreciate the team effort between the local and your State representatives. And despite the challenges that your system faces, the maintenance record, stellar maintenance record --

DR. HANLIN: Yes. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- I think is incredible. You got a 95.09 on the maintenance survey and that's just one point away from an overall rating of superior. So I would say we're going to, I'm going to say you're superior anyway.

DR. HANLIN: Thank you.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Even though you're one point away. And we do want to recognize particularly Pittsville Elementary and Middle School. You were rated superior and we want to recognize Principal Mike Cody and Custodians Bradley Millman and Dan Teagle with the Board of Public Works citation for superior school maintenance. So I don't know if you have, the whole team wants to take up there and take a photo with us? Or --

DR. HANLIN: We do. We have the Director of Facilities Mr. Bob Suza, and we do have Principal Mike Cody with us today and our Building Service Manager Mona Price.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: You might as well bring the rest of your guys up here, too, they can squeeze into the picture with us.

TREASURER KOPP: Can I just ask a question, excuse me, Governor, before --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yes, please.

DR. HANLIN: Certainly.

TREASURER KOPP: -- you, it won't take any time at all.

DR. HANLIN: Yes.

TREASURER KOPP: Could you get back to our office, and the others if they are interested, I'd like to learn more about your new preventive maintenance effort and how it impacts, it looks really --

DR. HANLIN: Okay. Yes.

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TREASURER KOPP: -- interesting. And the other is to hear a little more about what you are doing to assure the stable subcontract, you mentioned subcontractor pool out there and what lessons the rest of us could learn from what you all are doing.

DR. HANLIN: Okay. I'm going to ask our --

TREASURER KOPP: It doesn't have to be this moment.

DR. HANLIN: -- Director of Facilities and Planning. Not right now?

TREASURER KOPP: No.

DR. HANLIN: Okay. All right. We'll get back to you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I sort of jumped the gun with all of you here for the photo. It looks like my colleagues have a couple of questions.

DR. HANLIN: Okay. All right.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And then also --

DR. HANLIN: We'll be happy to get back to you with that information.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: If there's any other members of your delegation, the Senator, or any of the your Delegates --

DR. HANLIN: Okay.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- or anybody else that wanted to make remarks, the floor is open as well.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: Madam Treasurer --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Everybody except this guy.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: -- Mr. Comptroller --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I love you, too, brother. Governor Hogan, I just wanted to thank you again for the opportunity to hear us out. You guys have always taken care of us in Wicomico County and we're eternally blessed for that. And we look forward to the continued collaboration together and I want to thank you again, you know, I heard reference made to the baseball team in Hagerstown. I want to make sure that I want to thank you again for the work that you've done with us to secure a home for our baseball team for the next 20 years as they thrive and grow and hopefully bring home a South Atlantic League Championship back to Salisbury, Maryland. But again, it's just a real --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah, I don't know why the Comptroller was only going to talk about the Suns, not the Shore Birds. I mean, that doesn't make any sense to me.

(Laughter.)

DELEGATE ANDERTON: We win -- oh, you know, I know why. Because they belong to the team that plays in Washington, D.C. Is that right? Yeah. Yeah. That's --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: You're getting warm.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Okay.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: Right on. Thank you guys.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Could I just compliment Dr. Hanlin, before we hear from the Senator. And for all the elected officials here, seriously, it's a big exercise to come and appear. And I personally appreciate it. I think it means more money for those jurisdictions where people come and show that it's a real team effort. And I just had one question for Dr. Hanlin.

DR. HANLIN: Yes, sir?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: You mentioned Beaver Run Elementary. Why is that \$19 million higher than West Salisbury Elementary?

DR. HANLIN: Mrs. Ashby? Probably yes.

MRS. ASHBY: It's significant more square footage. West Salisbury is approximately a 350 student school, and Beaver Run is 650 students.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. That makes perfect sense. And I want to join the Governor's recognition of Pittsville. Is it true that school was constructed in 1930?

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MRS. ASHBY: The very original portion was, yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Very original portion. Well Wicomico really does itself proud. And I think it should be proud of its legislators. Senator Mathias is one of my favorites because of you know what issue I'm not allowed to talk about. And Delegate Carozza and Otto and Anderton, I really appreciate the hard work that each of you -- Delegate Mautz, sorry. I guess I see you in like five different delegations so it's --

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: But seriously, the elected officials and the board and other council people that are here, it's really helpful to have you attend. And I'm grateful.

DR. HANLIN: Thank you very much.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Senator?

SENATOR MATHIAS: Well good afternoon, Governor, Comptroller, Madam Treasurer. Very simply and briefly, I'm here to strongly support Wicomico County. You hear their visions. You see their team. You know their challenges. And you know that we're all together and we're going to accomplish their goals, which is I think our most valuable asset that we can endow upon our future and our children is their education. And we strongly support you and what you do in that endeavor. We thank you. There's a letter in

your packet respectfully from me illustrating that. And I thank you so much for affording us this opportunity today.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Senator.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you, Senator.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other of our delegates or anyone else want to chime in? Well, thank you very much. Well we're going to -- that's pretty neat that Pittsville, the original part of the school in 1930 and it got the highest score on maintenance. So somebody is doing a great job there. So we want to recognize them. Why doesn't everybody come up for the picture?

You know, your elected officials need to get in that picture with you.

We're going to have to, this is a big team here. We're going to have to bunch up.

All right. Up next is Charles County.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Charles County.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Let's see, we have the Senator. We have a Delegate. Quite a team here. Charles County, and then St. Mary's County, and then back to the Shore again. All right. You have some powerful legislators here --

DR. HILL: I appreciate that.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- you've got the team from the school system. Welcome. Thank you.

DR. HILL: Thank you. Good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, and Treasurer Kopp. Thank you for providing Charles County Public Schools time to talk about our capital funding requests.

I'm Superintendent Kim Hill and joining me today are State Senator Thomas "Mac" Middleton; Delegate Susie Proctor; Delegate Edith Patterson, who by the way was also a Charles County Public Schools Board members, as well as Charles County Commissioner; and I also have with me Board of Education Chair Michael Lukas and Vice Chair Barbara Palko, in addition to staff members who came with us today to support this request.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you all for joining us.

DR. HILL: Charles County Public Schools' capital improvement plan combines new construction as well as renovation, which includes adding capacity for our students. This year we welcomed more than 500 new students, which for us is the largest enrollment jump we've had since 2004.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Wow.

DR. HILL: Our need for renovation is well documented. In 2013 we commissioned a study to survey our school facilities and to provide suggestions for repairs, renovation, and expansion for the next decade. We used

that survey to help guide our CIP decisions, some of which are included in our Fiscal 2019 request.

Charles County Public Schools has several major projects going on this year. We are building our 22nd elementary school, renovating the expanding a 50-year-old elementary school, and building two full-day kindergarten additions. The new elementary school will add seats and relieve overcrowding, especially in Charles County's development district. Last school year the Board of Education approved a comprehensive elementary school redistricting plan, which not only created a school zone for our new elementary school but which will relieve overcrowding in many of our other elementary schools.

The renovation of Dr. Mudd Elementary School will upgrade this school's educational spaces to a level consistent with our newest schools. The renovation and expansion supports population growth, modernizes the 50-year-old facility, and enhances the community use space that we use for our Judy Center there. It also will provide classrooms for our growing special education population.

During the past five years Charles County Public Schools has enrolled more than 600 additional special education students. We have the fourth fastest special education population in the State and the fastest English language learner population in the State. The needs of our special education students are out-pacing our ability to provide adequate space at schools that are a reasonable

distance from students' homes. Both the new elementary school and the Dr. Mudd renovation will include the addition of specialized classrooms for regional special education programs for students with significant academic, communication, physical, and behavioral disabilities.

Charles County Public Schools is working to catch up with all of our kindergarten additions, which provide another way for the school system to reduce overcrowding. Construction started this month on kindergarten additions at two schools, which will complete additions at 13 of our 18 elementary schools requiring additions.

Our facilities plan also addresses the 11 Charles County Public School buildings with open space layouts. This was a great idea at some point, 1960, but right now they take a toll on us educationally as well as financially. Over the years we have retrofitted many of these schools with temporary walls but permanent solutions are necessary to eliminate the distractions and improve the air flow. We're asking for funding in Fiscal Year '19 to modernize and add space to two of our open space schools, Eva Turner Elementary School and Benjamin Stoddert Middle School. Our request for our renovation project at Maurice J. McDonough High School, which I attended by the way, begins to close that school's open space layout and enhance security and add instructional space to expand the performing arts.

Our staff understands that part of maximizing the use of our buildings relies on high maintenance standards and high operations standards. Most recently we thank you Comptroller Franchot for coming to North Point High School and awarding us a Silver Hammer Award. That school opened in 2005 and posted a score of 96 percent on the rigorous State inspection.

The average age of Charles County Public Schools is 30 and a half years and our maintenance staff consistently receives high marks for superior maintenance. Most recently because of that high performance of the maintenance staff, the State reduced the number of inspections to Charles County Public Schools from six to two.

Despite all of these challenges I would not give up the opportunity to stand before you and boast about Charles County Public Schools 92 percent on time graduation rate and the fact that our African American students graduate at a rate of 91.9 percent, virtually removing the achievement gap for our students of color. And we are very, very proud of that.

Thank you all very much for the support that you provide to Charles County Public Schools. The great working relationship we have with our delegation as well as our local officials I think is evident by those folks who are here with us today. So thank you very much.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Would the Senator or the Delegates or any of the local officials like to say anything? Thank you for being here, Senator.

SENATOR MIDDLETON: Sure. Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, Delegate, I mean --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Delegate, you mean the Treasurer.

SENATOR MIDDLETON: Back before you again. You know, if you look at the years that I've been here other than the few years that we didn't come before it, it's been close to 32 years for me. And every year I've stood here as a partner with our local Board of Education, and with our County Commissioners. Because as you know, every one of the projects that are before you one of the important things is that they've been endorsed by our local government. The County Commissioners, none of them are here but they stand solidly behind the projects.

You know, I take real pride in our educational system in Charles County. The people that you see behind us are the reason why we have great schools. We're a vibrant county. People are moving to the county. A lot of those people are moving to the county because they want safe and good schools and a quality education. And you heard Superintendent Hill, our scores. So we're just so proud.

So I'm here as a supporter and a partner of the wonderful educational system that we have here in Charles County.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR MIDDLETON: Thank you very much. It's a pleasure being with you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Delegate? Good afternoon.

DELEGATE PATTERSON: Good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, and Treasurer Kopp. I too appreciate the fact that you have supported Charles County in the past. I serve as Chair of the Charles County Delegation and I will simply say that we are in total agreement with the request of the School Board for Charles County. More importantly, it is essential that we address aging schools as well as the need to have new schools and facilities. And as an aside, I will say I taught for one year in an open space school and realized that it was not for me because of the distraction. But I will simply say that the county is doing a great job in terms of addressing the distractions and the need to have those schools renovated. So we appreciate your support, and again 100 percent behind the request of the Charles County Board of Ed.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Delegate. Delegate Proctor?

DELEGATE PROCTOR: Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, Treasurer, I support the Charles County School System and thank you for all your help. But as a former special education teacher, I would sincerely ask that you

look at the growing population of special ed students that are coming to Charles County and the special needs that they bring with them. And we certainly hope that you will concentrate on that need also. And thank you for all your help.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Any questions?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I just have a quick question for Dr. Hill. How is the new elementary school, number 22, I see it's named now Billingsley Elementary School, can you give me an update on that?

DR. HILL: Sure.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And why was it delayed for a year?

DR. HILL: Construction is ongoing. Unfortunately we had some permitting delays, as well as one of the wettest springs in recent history. So those two things combined to put us at a point where the contractor was saying to us, we could, think we could get you open by November 15 but it's going to cost an additional \$6 million. And number one, we didn't think that that was a responsible use of taxpayers' money on a \$32 million project. And number two, we think we can open by November 15th, what if there's additional wet weather, etcetera, etcetera. So what we've done is we have overcrowded elementary schools but we've supported those schools with the appropriate number of staff members and we're going to hold another year. And we thought that was the

most responsible way to deal with the delays that came before us with Billingsley Elementary.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well thank you. Charles County is lucky to have you as Superintendent and you do a great job.

DR. HILL: Thank you, sir.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And I want to just salute Delegate Proctor and Delegate Patterson for their great work in the Legislature. It's, you know, they are terrific. But they brought with them an icon, Senator Middleton. I mean, he is, that's the gold standard as far as --

SENATOR MIDDLETON: -- the old icon.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No. No. I mean, gold standard type icon. So Mac, thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: At least he didn't call you the elder statesman, or something like that.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Icon sounds better.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: But thank you all for being here. And the members of the Board, I take it those are elected positions down there in Charles County?

DR. HILL: Yes.

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. It's tough. That's a tough job. So thank you for your participation. And the scores on the maintenance report from Dr. Salmon's and Bob Gorrell's operation and are very flattering to Charles County.

DR. HILL: Our Supporting Services office works very well together. Planning and construction works with maintenance, works with operations, to make sure that if there's a particular product or tool that isn't working well or is working well, that we're going to talk to each other about that and make sure that we avoid those that aren't working well and purchase more of those that are.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Any questions?

TREASURER KOPP: No. I congratulate you. And thank you for the report on the science high school and the --

DR. HILL: The Science Center?

TREASURER KOPP: The Science Center. No, yes, the Science Center. But most particularly the planetarium.

DR. HILL: Yes.

TREASURER KOPP: Which I have been interested in for some time.

DR. HILL: Mm-hmm.

TREASURER KOPP: And I think, I wish every school system could do what you have done.

DR. HILL: Madam Treasurer, you asked us about that last year.

TREASURER KOPP: Yes, I did.

DR. HILL: And I invited all of you to come.

TREASURER KOPP: Yes.

DR. HILL: We will work with your schedules and you will not be disappointed, to see kids there. I don't really want to show you all what it has to offer. I want you to see kids seeing what it has to offer. Because it's an amazing piece of what we do in Charles County Public Schools.

SENATOR MIDDLETON: Sorry, can I say just one more thing?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Sure.

SENATOR MIDDLETON: Superintendent Hill mentioned and so did Delegate Proctor about growing the special needs population. And Charles County has developed such a quality program. And I emphathize with those parents that have special needs kids. You want them to be in the best program possible. And that's what's happening because of a quality program that she and the Board have worked together. It's attractive to parents. And our special needs program has grown by leaps and bounds. And you have to understand the costs associated with it. Some of these kids cost over \$100,000 just providing what they are entitled to constitutionally for a free public education. They do an

incredible job. It's a challenge for us. It takes up a lot of our local dollars. And we're hoping that we can start addressing that. Because we think we are probably having an inordinate amount, it's a good thing, but it does put a real, real financial burden on the educational system. So I just wanted to add that.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And former Delegate Mark Shriver, I got to know his mother just because he was sitting next to me, Eunice Kennedy Shriver. And she used to remind me, Peter, every special needs kid is a person. And God bless you. You know? I didn't realize that you had assumed that responsibility. But please keep us in the loop on it. Because that's a Statewide priority.

SENATOR MIDDLETON: Yes, sir.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you all very much.

DR. HILL: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. We're sticking with Southern Maryland. We're going to move on to the Mother County, St. Mary's County. It looks like St. Mary's County is well represented. Good afternoon.

MR. SMITH: Good afternoon, Governor, Comptroller, Madam Treasurer. My name is Scott Smith. I am the proud Superintendent of St. Mary's County Public Schools. And joining me today is Delegate Deb Rey, who has stood beside me all four times I've come before you. I also have the Chairman of the Board of Education, Ms. Karen Bailey. I have the Vice Chairman of the

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Board of Education Mary Washington. And I have our Board of Education members Cathy Allen, James Davis, and Rita Weaver, all elected to the position. And we all rode up in a minivan together. So.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's cost savings, right there.

MR. SMITH: It's a pleasure having a Board you can fit in one vehicle.

I want to begin by thanking the Board of Public Works, the Interagency Committee on School Construction, the Public School Construction Program, for your continued support of our facilities. The support of our State and local officials in providing annual capital improvement funding is key to the success of our students. We'd like to share our successes, challenges, and how the Fiscal Year 2019 State CIP request will assist us in meeting our facility needs.

Our most immediate need is to address the life cycle replacement of our roof and HVAC projects over the next ten to 15 years. Funding these projects ensures that the capital investments made in the nineties that are now in need of repair and replacement will be addressed and subsequently serve our students well into the future.

St. Mary's County Public Schools is committed to actions that ensure success and opportunities for our students. We offer a variety of programs and academies that are tailored to individual student pursuits and that support

students becoming college and career ready. This has led to our on time graduation rate of 93.7 percent in 2017. Last year 34 percent of our students were federally connected, and 32 percent received free and reduced meals.

Over the last five years, elementary growth has averaged 4.5 percent, with most overcrowding occurring in the Lexington Park development district. Secondary growth has increased over the past two years by two percent, but is projected to continue increasing a little more over the next several years as our elementary students enter secondary grades. St. Mary's County population growth ranks fourth in the State with a potential growth rate of about, projected growth rate of about 6.2 percent. As the economy continues to improve, it's expected that additional employment opportunities will be available and enrollment will continue to increase.

As a result of strategic planning that began in the 1990s, and with the support from the Board of Public Works, St. Mary's County Public Schools renovated and expanded two-thirds of the schools in the county, adding over 4,500 seats. All of the secondary schools and half of the elementary schools were renovated. The remaining elementary school sites were too space constricted to allow for expansion, so in the 2000s, two new elementary schools were constructed, adding over 1,200 new elementary seats. Even with all this additional capacity we have added, we still have just over half of our schools utilization averaging of about 111 percent above the State rated capacity.

The departments of maintenance and capital planning working together to address the facility needs of our school system in both the comprehensive master plan and the educational facilities and educational facilities master plan life cycle replacement of roof and HVAC systems installed since 1990 were identified as the top facility related priority. Through systemic renovation of roof and HVAC systems we've been able to maintain 69 percent of our facility square footage in the eight to 25 years range as of 2016.

As we look forward with our capital plans our focus is on roof and HVAC projects as the schools were renovated in the 1990s. During the next ten years one-third of our roofs and 40 percent of our HVAC systems will be due for replacement. This trend continues for the next 20 years. These projects are a crucial part of our current and future capital plans as we work to maintain the significant investment that's been made in our school buildings. Our need to meet life cycle replacements so that we can provide safe and comfortable facilities is addressed in our 2019 capital improvements program requests. Securing adequate funding for that purpose is currently our greatest challenge.

This year we are asking for \$7 million to address four systemic projects. The first two projects are continued multi-year funding for both Park Hall Elementary School and Hollywood Elementary School roof and HVAC, which were approved in Fiscal Year 2018. We are also asking for first time funding for partial roof replacements at both Green Holly Elementary School and

Great Mills High School. The participation of the Board of Public Works in funding these much needed renovations is key to the continued success of our students and staff.

On behalf of the entire St. Mary's County community, we appreciate the opportunity to share our successes, our challenges, and our Fiscal Year 2019 capital improvement requests with you. We look forward to a continued partnership with the State as we meet the needs of our students and we welcome any questions you may have at this time.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Would the Delegate or any of your other members of your delegation like to say anything?

DELEGATE REY: Thank you. Thank you, Governor, Comptroller, Franchot, and Treasurer Kopp. Thank you for considering this request for \$7 million to fix four roofs of our schools. I know I've said this before but I'm going to say it again, our school system does a great job of keeping the resources they have in, under repair, and maintenance, up to par --

MR. SMITH: In other words, they take care of what you have.

DELEGATE REY: That's right. And they really do a great job at that. And in fact, one of the schools even the roof went five years longer than anticipated. So this will just help us continue to keep those facilities adequate and up to date for our kids. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Anybody else got anything they want to add to the group? Well thank you all so much for coming. Any questions?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: If I could just thank Delegate Rey. She's often with me when I go down to the Mother County, and to visit. And I appreciate it. An Chairwoman Bailey and the rest of the board, thank you for being here. It makes a big difference. People say, oh well, why do we make the effort? Well you all came up in the same van so --

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- that's pretty impressive.

MR. SMITH: So obviously we get along.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And so if I could just ask a question about Ridge Elementary. Are they going to get some attention as far as their roof? Because apparently there is some problems there with wear and deterioration and other than the six good ratings St. Mary's County got, which is fabulous, thank you for taking care of what you have.

MR. SMITH: We're good and adequate.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Ridge Elementary was listed as a 1998 built up roof at Ridge Elementary which showed considerable wear and deterioration.

MR. SMITH: And that is, that's a little out, that's 226 is when that will be actually completely redone, is when it's scheduled. But we will be looking at it. We look at it with our local CIP as well. We recognize that we did not make the 90 percent. We were an 89.9 percent. So we're hoping that we might be able to round up. But yeah, that's definitely an issue. And that's one of the myriad issues that we have across the county, is roof and above, it's roof and HVAC.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Very good. Any other questions? Thank you so much, St. Mary's County.

MR. SMITH: Thank you.

DELEGATE REY: Thank you, sir.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Next up we have Worcester County, back to the Shore again. It seems like we should have put all these Shore guys together so they could hang out.

SENATOR MATHIAS: We couldn't all fit in the same van.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well you guys are spread around the Shore a little bit, too.

MR. TAYLOR: Good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, Secretary Kopp, Mr. Gorrell, Dr. Salmon, it's nice to see you. I am the

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very proud Superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools and my name is Lou Taylor. I want to thank you for the invitation and the opportunity to appear before you today to discuss our school construction program. Before we begin, I would like to introduce and acknowledge some of the Worcester County family who are here with us today.

We have with us Senator Jim Mathias, Delegate Mary Beth Carozza, Delegate Charles Otto. I also have with me Mr. Chip Bertino, a Worcester County Commissioner, and Mr. Bill Gordy, the President of the Worcester County Board of Education. Also joining me at the podium is Mr. Joe Price, our Facilities Planner; Mr. Steve Price, our COO; and Mr. Vince Tolbert, our CFO.

I would like to thank each of these individuals for being here today in support of our school construction program. You have a copy of our template before you and I will be glad to discuss any of the information we have presented. I would like to highlight today the information we have included in section eight of the template. Section eight discusses our FY '19 CIP, which includes a first time request for partial State funding of \$4.3 million for the Showell Elementary replacement school project. The feasibility study for this project was completed three years ago. Since then we have been working with school and community members and local government officials to design a school which meets the instructional needs of our Showell students while seeking cost savings through

each phase of our design. Pending our funding approval and authorization from our County Commissioners, we plan to bid this project in June and begin construction in October of 2018.

Following construction of the Showell replacement school, we plan to construct an addition at one of our middle schools, and then execute a series of roof replacement projects.

Again, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be here today to discuss our school construction program. And I want to thank you for your continued support of our efforts to provide all Worcester County students with high quality learning environments. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Are there any other members of your team or any of the elected officials that want to have anything to say?

DELEGATE CAROZZA: Thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good afternoon, Delegate.

DELEGATE CAROZZA: As a proud student and graduate of the Worcester County school systems, I appreciated the invitation by the Superintendent and his team to join them today. And I believe it's a fair and reasonable request. I ask for your thoughtful consideration. And I also want to compliment the team here. Superintendent Lou Taylor has met some of the Governor's staff today and has been able to bring up certain questions and

concerns and they've been very responsive. And I know you take pride in your constituent service and I want to thank you for that.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Delegate. Any other?
Senator?

SENATOR MATHIAS: Good afternoon, Governor, Mr. Comptroller, Madam Treasurer. Just to be brief, I'm proud to be here as well. As you well know, many of you in the room, this is my home county and I've lived there 45 years. And when I look at the accomplishments, it's so strongly led by our education base.

I just want to bring something, if you'll allow me, you know, life is about a team. It's a team effort. And this is what you see in Worcester, it's what you see on the Shore. You know, you can see our challenges. But Governor, Comptroller, Madam Treasurer, I want to compliment Lou Taylor. You know, when I started out a long, long time ago he was a principal of Stephen Decatur High School. And I want to tell you what, I watched our kids grow up and I watched his leadership grow not only in the school but throughout our county. You know, he's realized his dream, too. You've heard their visions. Now he's our school superintendent and look at the great people he surrounds himself with.

Modestly, as I mentioned before, but my strong letter of support is in your packet. I stand with them every step of the way. Besides everything else, being in elected office for 27 years, I have skin in the game on two fronts. My

son-in-law was in the classroom for 13 years and left the classroom and went into the administration down at Pocomoke Senior High, and his Principal was Principal of the Year for the whole State of Maryland. And my first grandchild was born about eight months ago, Christian Alexander. And, you know, I look forward to him having these excellent assets for his education as he grows and continues the Eastern Shore to be a great place to live, work, and play. I thank each and every one of you for your commitment to education.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. My first grandson was born eight months ago, too. He's going to get an education down in St. Mary's County.

SENATOR MATHIAS: Let me see now, 20 some years from now, Governor, how is this all going to work out?

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Any other questions for Worcester County?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No, but I happen to have a 16-month-old grandchild also, so a baby girl. So Senator, I just want to, I had kind of mentioned it opaquely the last time, but I want to thank you for what you did for the State of Maryland with school after Labor Day. I know that's not easy for a lot of people. But you led the charge and hats off to you. And I think it's a great

issue and I hope the school system down there doesn't have a problem with starting school after Labor Day.

MR. SMITH: We started after Labor Day prior to --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well that's good. That's fabulous.

SENATOR MATHIAS: I'm glad to say that, Mr. Comptroller, that really joining us in the league, and just the Governor signing the petition, and your leadership, and all the task force, was with the county school system. And I failed to mention that. I wanted to, but I did talk about team spirit and they were right there with that. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you. I did have a question for Mr. Taylor. I'm pleased to see that there's a replacement for Showell Elementary. I had the opportunity to visit it several years ago and it was really suffering from some system deficiencies, I have to admit. So I'm very happy to see that on the CIP and look forward to supporting it.

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you very much.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you all very much for joining us today. Thank you. Next up is Baltimore County.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Do we have anybody from Baltimore County joining us today?

MS. WHITE: I'm here, front and center. Good afternoon.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good afternoon.

MS. WHITE: So, good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Treasurer Kopp, Comptroller Franchot. My name is Verletta White and I'm the Interim Superintendent for Baltimore County Public Schools, and I'm joined today by Kevin Smith, our Chief Administrative and Operations Officer, as well as a host of other Baltimore County elected officials and supporters. We have Councilman Kach here with us, as well as Board member Kathleen Causey, who is right here, and a host of parents and community members, as well. So we are grateful for our community's support.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the progress that we are making, as well as some of the needs that we have and the progress that we're making to create a safe and supportive learning environment for the students of Baltimore County Public Schools.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you, Governor Hogan, as well as to Comptroller Franchot, and as well as to Lieutenant Governor Rutherford for visiting our schools and for expressing your interest in Baltimore County Public Schools. As always, Treasurer Kopp, your insight and continuous support of BCPS is greatly appreciated.

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I would also like to take a moment to thank our supportive parents and educational stakeholders, many of whom again you see here today. Our collective interests in providing 21st century learning environments greatly benefit all of our students.

Baltimore County has undertaken the largest ten-year construction program in Baltimore County's history. The \$1.3 billion Schools for our Future Program is focused on upgrading facilities and modernizing learning environments for our students and our teachers. Our capital improvement plan remains focused on four main areas in close collaboration with our State and County fiscal partners, the Board of Education, State and County elected officials, communities, and other stakeholders.

Our first priority is the installation of central air conditioning in all of our schools through systemic renovations and/or replacements. BCPS has made substantial progress in the last few years, installing central air conditioning in our older schools. In 2010, 90 schools in Baltimore County lacked central air conditioning.

I'm thrilled to report to you today that our students and staff started the school year in air conditioned schools in all but 13 of our facilities. Next year at this time that number of schools that -- the number of schools that lack air conditioning will drop to eight, and all of them will be completed through

renovations or replacement projects that are currently planned as part of the Schools for our Future Program.

The second priority of our capital improvement plan is focused on accommodating our growing population. From 2008 to 2016, student enrollment increased by 8,496 students, creating an additional need for seats that is roughly equivalent to 12 large elementary schools or seven moderately-sized secondary schools. Our enrollment is projected to increase from 112,139 students last year to more than 119,000 students by 2024.

Twenty one of the top 27 priorities in our State capital request will together add more than 6,500 new seats to relieve overcrowding in every area of the County through our new or replacement schools or through additions. Our design decisions are based on careful instructional considerations, economic analysis that incorporates value engineering, feasibility studies, and energy efficiency analysis. Whenever possible we use prototype designs for cost efficiency.

Our third and no less important priority is to continue modernizing high schools, through either limited renovations or replacement schools. Funding for the limited renovation projects at Lansdowne, Patapsco, and Woodlawn high schools is included in this year's request. Also included are two new high school projects that were added in September 2017 by our Board of Education. Again, we are grateful for the engagement and advocacy of our communities. Secondary

schools will remain a capital priority, not just in one area of the county, but throughout our county and in all of our communities.

Finally, BCPS must remain focused on our systemic program to replace essential infrastructure, including aging roofs, boilers, chillers, windows, doors, and other building systems. That is why the last nine projects on the list are priority systemic boiler, chiller, and roof replacement projects. Historically our total infrastructure needs have outpaced our available funds. BCPS makes a significant effort each year to prioritize needs and make progress in supporting learning environments for our students. This is true today, as well.

And the plan we have submitted to you is the product of that same focused effort. We have needs beyond this plan that are known to us today, which includes accommodating high school enrollment growth, continuing our major maintenance program, and improving systemic infrastructure as our buildings continue to age, and we know that there will be future needs that may emerge that we cannot predict.

Our goal today and in the future is to always make progress toward ensuring that we equitably provide all students with the benefit of a modern, supportive learning environment.

We have implemented an aggressive program of maintenance management in our schools. The multi-pronged strategy consists of daily cleaning and regular preventative maintenance, scheduled maintenance of major

equipment, and efficiency response to routine maintenance requests, including systemic projects in the capital improvement program. As a result, despite this almost overwhelming infrastructure need, the annual State inspection program has consistently given our school inventory an overall rating of good, with no individual facility receiving a rating lower than adequate.

The Public School Construction Program Maintenance of Maryland's Public Schools Buildings Report ranks Baltimore County to be comparable with the five largest school districts in the State of Maryland. Over the past ten years, the State inspected between 17 and 33 schools per year. On average, 77 percent of schools received a rating of superior or good, while 23 of our schools were rated adequate. Additional positions and resources have been provided in the operating budget to continue to maintain and improve our record as our buildings continue to age.

On behalf of team BCPS and families and staff, I would like to close by thanking the Board of Public Works for your support of our entire capital program. I especially want to thank Dr. Karen Salmon, Mr. Robert Gorrell, the Interagency Committee, the Public School Construction Program team, and the community members for their advocacy to provide 21st century learning environments for every student in Baltimore County.

At this time I would like to take your questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. I see Councilman Kach is here. Would you like to say anything? Any other members of your delegation? Good afternoon.

COUNCILMAN KACH: Good afternoon. It's great to be here this afternoon, and I first want to say that our new superintendent, I'm real excited about her being named our superintendent. I know she's going to do a great job. She has the enthusiasm and she's right on target, and the most important thing is she does listen to the people of Baltimore County.

I want to thank the Board of Public Works for all you've done to help the Baltimore County Public School system. I've been in elected office for 43 years, and I know how difficult it is with the limited funds we have to do right by all the counties, and I thank you so much for all you've done.

Obviously I'm here on behalf of the County Council in support of what the school system has proposed and although I don't have the permission of the delegates and senators, I'll just take it and say I'm here to thank you --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: As a former member of the Legislature you can --

COUNCILMAN KACH: Right. For a few years. But you all know that I, as a member of the State Legislature, was not a huge spender. Sometimes I voted for the budget and sometimes I didn't, and it all depends on the priorities and our ability to be able to pay.

But I want to take this opportunity to thank Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Comptroller, and Treasurer Kopp. Please come to Dulaney High School. Please see that school and it is imperative that it be replaced with a new school sooner than later. To be honest with you, and it's no reflection on our new superintendent, it has not been maintained properly, and it's beyond that point.

When you have an athletic field unavailable for months because of the fences became electrified and dangerous, and so now the school system is looking to pull the electric out of the field so the field's not usable. In the new edition 1999 there were three water leaks the first week of school that were terrible. In fact, when the maintenance crew went to help, you know, try to solve the problem, they pulled one of the pipes out of the wall. It was rusted.

So we need a new school. I do want to remind you at one time Baltimore County had the second oldest inventory in Maryland. Baltimore City was one. I supported the funds and the program to build new schools and remodel the City schools and, you know, I hope that the State will continue to support us. And whatever you can do to put Dulaney High School on the fast track, please help us out.

And, Madam Treasurer, do you like crab cakes?

TREASURER KOPP: I do, as you know, Wade.

COUNCILMAN KACH: Yes. So, there's a really great restaurant that the Comptroller -- I don't know if the Governor -- you've been to Pappas, haven't you?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah, of course.

COUNCILMAN KACH: Yeah.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I once had lunch with Brooks Robinson there. Lucky me.

COUNCILMAN KACH: So, anyhow, any of you who want to come to Dulaney, I'll treat you to lunch at Pappas. So please take me up on my invitation.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Sounds like a deal.

COUNCILMAN KACH: And I won't take you to the fence. I will not have you electrocute yourselves.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Councilman. We appreciate you coming.

COUNCILMAN KACH: Thank you very much.

TREASURER KOPP: Governor, I think you should know, the Councilman and I came in to the Legislature in the same year.

COUNCILMAN KACH: 1975, yes.

TREASURER KOPP: And it's been a pleasure to work with him for this time, and I certainly will be -- I will be calling on you.

COUNCILMAN KACH: Good.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well, thank you. Ms. White, maybe you can address that question for us because I want to let whoever is going to talk on your delegation, then we have a number of citizens that have signed up to testify, as well.

But with respect to Dulaney and Lansdowne which were just brought up, why are they not on the county's priority list and why are we not looking at replacing those schools, or any kind of really substantial renovation at either of the schools?

MS. WHITE: Well, our Board of Education did vote to put Dulaney and Towson High School on your priority list for funding consideration. So those two schools are on the list. Lansdowne, there was a study done in terms of looking at the structure of Lansdowne that was done back in 2014 to look at the overall structure. I know that some of the complaints about it was that it's not structurally sound.

The report that we got back in those recommendations at that time suggested a renovation, and so being -- moving forward in a fiscally responsive way, we looked at following that recommendation for renovation. Our Board of

Education then asked for an enhanced renovation, and so that's what you have before you in the capital plan -- our plans for an enhancement.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well, what we have before us is you placed low priority on replacing Dulaney High School, though; is that correct?

MS. WHITE: It's number 26 and 27 on the priority list for your consideration.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And is there any reason why it's so low on the priority list?

MS. WHITE: Again, this was just added in September. So we did have 34 projects and now we have 36 projects that are before you. And again, we have to work with both our State and County officials to make sure that the funding will be available. It's after a feasibility study. Again, we're looking at --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well, we make decisions on funding based on the priority. So if it's at the end of the priority list it usually doesn't get funded.

MS. WHITE: So, the priorities -- that's an interesting point, as well, because right now we just closed an RFP for an enrollment study. We know that our priorities are going to be great, so it's not only just in one area, but our priorities will be systemic in nature in terms of our high school seats. We are anticipating that we'll need additional seats, for instance, in the southeast area, as

well, and so we want to make sure that when we are prioritizing we're doing so in a fiscally responsible manner.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I can just tell you that based on the contacts and requests and input we get from the Governor's Office, it's a top priority of a lot of folks in Baltimore County because we don't -- we receive more comments about these two schools than any other place in the county. So we were surprised to see that it wasn't an important priority for the school system.

TREASURER KOPP: Could I ask a question since you bring up the question of funding? And, you know, if we had an extra \$140 million I think it would be a very good thing -- very good investment.

You mentioned the county has put in \$1.3 billion in the last several years. Is a portion of that forward funding? Does the county forward fund the school system?

MR. SMITH: Absolutely. The items that we have on our capital now, it's incorporated with both State funding and local funding. Whatever State funding does not cover thus far, all of the 34 of our projects that were submitted previously to September 12th have been in concurrence with the County Executive. So, yes, they are forward funded, as well. Those are ACs in our priorities in that order. So that's why some of those other projects are further down because we still have those projects queued up to go out -- finishing ACs, the elementary seats that we needed, as well as middle schools and replacements.

TREASURER KOPP: So how much was forward funded? I don't know who to ask this question of in the 2018 -- the one we're in right now.

MS. WHITE: \$166 million.

MR. SMITH: That's been forward funded for the capital plan that we're in today -- \$166 million.

TREASURER KOPP: And presumably there will be forward funding for 2019?

MR. SMITH: That is correct.

MS. WHITE: Yes.

TREASURER KOPP: That's in the County Executive's budget? That's a lot of money. Thank you. I just want to say, I do recognize that the county has put a lot of money into school construction. The State has put a lot of money into school construction, too. The needs are even greater than the amount that -- and this is not only Baltimore County.

I hope you realize this is around the State in all of the jurisdictions, but particularly in jurisdictions that are large and growing and have an aging -- so please don't think that Baltimore County is unique. But we do appreciate that while not uniquely, still in an outstanding way the county has put in county taxpayer funds to forward fund what the State could not come up with, and I think that's significant.

I say it because as the Comptroller knows, Montgomery County for a while was the only county that was doing that, and it was very tough, and now my understanding is a number of counties -- Baltimore is one of the leading, but Frederick, as mentioned, and others and I think -- I wish we had more State funds to put into school systems because I think it's a terrific investment, and I just want to thank you.

MS. WHITE: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Mr. Comptroller, questions?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes. Thank you, Governor, and first and foremost let me say that I think everyone on this Board can agree that conditions at Lansdowne High School are both deplorable and completely unacceptable.

It's the year 2017. We live in the richest state in the richest country in the history of the world, and somehow there are kids in our state who are forced to learn in sweltering classrooms that are quite literally falling apart, and schools that do not have safe drinking water, and in facilities that have mold and asbestos.

There are palatial and pristine school facilities all across Baltimore County, many of which I've had the chance to visit. But I can't for the life of me understand how and why school officials have punted year after year after year

the responsibility of addressing the alarmingly concerning and unacceptable health, safety, and maintenance issues that exist at Lansdowne.

The last system-wide facilities assessment conducted by Baltimore County schools, which was in 2014, had this to say about the conditions at Lansdowne: “Interior finishes are,” -- this is three years ago -- “Interior finishes are in very poor condition. Water damage is evident in the ceilings and exterior windows. Corridors are long and multiple level changes create accessibility issues. The exterior skin of the building is failing. There is significant structural settlement. Mechanical systems are in poor condition.” And I believe a 2014 facilities assessment did, in fact, recommend replacing -- replacing Lansdowne High.

Also I'd like to note that these independent auditors rated the conditions at Lansdowne at 1.74 out of 5, and it's also worth noting that out of all the high schools that were inspected by these independent auditors, Lansdowne High School had the lowest building score. It's a travesty, and frankly, you know, we hear a lot of talk about do we have an extra \$140 million. It never has been, it never was, is not now a question of resources and dollars. This is something else going on. I just call it a failure of government.

And, Governor, thank you for bringing up the fact that Baltimore County, as you have several times, has received hundreds of millions of dollars

over the years from the State to ensure that we're providing safe and healthy learning environments for students and teachers.

I'm going to repeat what I've said in past years. Everyone here knows that Baltimore County's well-reported and well-documented failures in addressing serious health and safety issues in their public school facilities have never been about funding. It is a question of misguided priorities. It's been a governing philosophy of talking at people, telling them to be quiet. It's the citizen's job to sit and listen. My job is to talk, I guess, is the mindset up there in Baltimore County.

And I know we're going to be hearing from folks affiliated with Lansdowne High School in a few moments, but having seen the conditions at Lansdowne when I've visited the school in past years, and having heard horrific accounts from teachers, parents, and students about the unsafe and unhealthy conditions there, I have to be honest. It's hard to not be angry, really, and just -- I mean, I can't even imagine how the parents of these young Lansdowne High Schools students are feeling.

I can't imagine the anger that I'd feel when my child comes home sick or feeling tired after going to school being forced to try to learn in a classroom that has a 100 degree heat index. I can't imagine how I would react if I walked into my kid's high school during PTA nights seeing ceiling tiles falling

off the ceiling, signs over the water fountains that say “Do Not Drink,” or seeing classrooms with floors that are literally crumbling.

I can’t imagine feeling helpless after pleading with the school system for a long overdue replacement school, and pleading with politicians who time after time after time have promised action and results, only for these parents to be disappointed by their inability to deliver.

The years and neglect and inaction by Baltimore County Public Schools, I don’t think it’s unreasonable for these parents, students, teachers, and community advocates to expect -- and I emphasize and deliberately use the word “expect.” In fact, I’d probably put the word “demand” in, that Lansdowne High School be replaced. I don’t buy the excuses that have been given and recycled by the powers that be in Baltimore County, because if they can replace other aging high schools in Baltimore County and provide those communities with high school facilities that are safe, healthy, and conducive to learning and success, I refuse to accept any explanation as to why the communities surrounding Lansdowne High School are not deemed worthy of the same.

This is a matter of inequity. All these students, families, and teachers want is to be treated like everyone else, get the same treatment and consideration that communities in more affluent zip codes -- I’ll repeat that -- other students in more affluent zip codes receive.

And the Governor mentioned Dulaney High School, which apparently, I guess, is deus ex machina Mackin has dropped from the sky back onto the planning list somehow. Thank you, Councilmember Kach for probably, you know, what you had to give, your right arm or left arm to get that done. But thank you for putting that --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: His right arm.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, I see the result. But I've had the chance to visit Dulaney High School on a number of occasions over the last several years, and most recently I toured the high school last month with Superintendent White and members of the school board and area elected officials.

The conditions at Dulaney High School are beyond appalling, and it's hard to fathom how the school system has allowed Dulaney to deteriorate and crumble. The maintenance issues that exist today at Dulaney didn't develop over the last few years. They're the results of years and years of neglect and mismanagement. Everyone here knows that the structural issues at Dulaney cannot and will not be fixed by putting up new drywall or patch-ups. They need a new school and it's long overdue.

This is the second school. Lansdowne is worse than Dulaney. But here's how bad Dulaney is. We're talking about discolored water that's unsafe to drink, flooded classrooms due to burst pipes, a crumbling foundation, busted floors, and, of course, lack of air conditioning.

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I expressed my concern during the visit about the electrified fence on the school premises. You indicated that this was something the school system would address immediately. Perhaps, Madam Superintendent, while you're here you could provide an update to whether or not repairs have been made to the fence and whether or not this fence is still posing a danger to the students, teachers, and staff at Dulaney.

MR. SMITH: The fence is under repair now. It's required quite a bit of dig to pull the wiring up, so it is still out of commission now while that repair is being done.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And the completion time is approximately?

MR. SMITH: We don't have that as of yet. They're still assessing what it is. But we're thinking in the next month.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. And, Madam Superintendent, I was very pleased that Baltimore County's included a replacement school for Dulaney as part of your capital improvement CIP program request. This is fantastic news. I know the students and teachers and parents are ecstatic about finally getting a new school.

But it's my understanding the school system initially indicated that Baltimore County would forward fund the replacement school project, but

according to the revisions you sent to the Board, the county is not forward funding. Could you provide some clarification on that issue?

MS. WHITE: Again, yeah, this is a recent add-on based on last month's addition. So, again, we'll be working with our county partners to see if that funding will be available.

TREASURER KOPP: Could I just ask a question based on that? Just from reading what you have here, there is advanced funding -- forward funding by the county of \$35 million, or there was, for renovation of Lansdowne. Is that just in the --

MS. WHITE: That's true. So again, the initial recommendation was for renovation for Lansdowne, for Patapsco, for Woodlawn, and for Dulaney, as well. The community rejected the Dulaney project. Therefore our board did not vote on the Dulaney project. It failed due to a lack of a motion. So that project then -- that \$35 million then became a non-issue because that --

TREASURER KOPP: Well, this says \$35 million for Lansdowne. Is that true also, that it's just --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Is that because you were --

MS. WHITE: That was the original request.

TREASURER KOPP: It's just hanging out there?

MS. WHITE: That was the original request, and then our board asked for an enhanced renovation, and so we're still waiting for the designs to come back for Lansdowne so that we can see what that --

TREASURER KOPP: So it would be a \$60 million renovation?

MS. WHITE: That's the anticipation.

TREASURER KOPP: That's more than drywall.

MS. WHITE: Again, that's the anticipated amount.

MR. SMITH: That is correct.

TREASURER KOPP: But the \$60 million, do you have a facility plan for that or this is just putting the facilities --

MR. SMITH: The enhanced design is being designed as we speak now. We should have it back in a month or so that we can bring forth to the Board for their consideration. At that time it will be voted on and then we'll move forward with that renovation project, which will be a year delay from the other high school renovation program. So it will be a one year delay.

TREASURER KOPP: Okay. But that is priority? I'm just trying to read what you've sent in. That is priority 7 and 8 -- \$60 million, 35 forward funded by the county, 25 from the State.

MS. WHITE: That enhancement has been approved by our board.

TREASURER KOPP: Okay.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: If I could just reclaim my time.

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TREASURER KOPP: I'm sorry.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: In summary, the renovations of Dulaney and Lansdowne were, always will be, and are a joke. -- do not move forward with them. Give the community what they deserve -- two new replacement high schools like other kids in Baltimore County have, and, you know, we're going to have a housecleaning, I think, next year up there with some new leadership, and there should be new leadership because the current leadership should feel guilty that this situation has been allowed to get to the point that it is.

Sorry. I know that the parents or other advocates that are here, I compliment each of you for taking the time to come down here. I apologize on behalf of the State for this situation. It is just a travesty, as I said, and I believe you're going to get two new modern high schools sooner rather than later. But stick to it. Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: Superintendent, could I just welcome you.

(Laughter.)

MS. WHITE: I feel welcomed.

TREASURER KOPP: I'm sorry you --

MS. WHITE: I have never felt so welcome.

TREASURER KOPP: This is not you. You've been put in the middle of a political situation which is not your creation, and we do appreciate the

leadership, as former Delegate Kach -- now Councilman Kach said, in the school system. So continue with your good work.

MS. WHITE: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Let me make you feel even more welcome with another tough question that obviously precedes you, but I want to first of all compliment the school system for finally moving forward on some air conditioning projects. It seems like you've made some progress there. We've been obviously talking about this and holding feet to the fire for three years now, and it's great. I mean, you were the worst school system in the entire state as far as lack of air conditioning, tens of thousands of kids sweating, and now you're down to 13 schools. You have a plan for five of them. That leaves eight of them still without air conditioning, and that's 5,600 kids and 378 teachers that are still going to be sweltering.

What is the plan for those schools so we can finally get this matter off the table and we can stop talking about fixing air conditioners?

MS. WHITE: They will be addressed during the renovations and replacements that are upcoming. And so, again, I would just like to say for the record that we do share in this sense of urgency. We have kids in seats right now, and so our kids can't wait. And so we want to make sure that all of our students have the benefit of a 21st century learning environment, a 21st century cool learning environment that is conducive to learning. So there is no intention on

the behalf of anyone in the school system to withhold a 21st century learning environment for any of our students.

Many of us got into this business for children, and so we're still in this business for children. So I just wanted to say that.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well, you just still seem to be behind all of the other 20 counties, that's all. So we're just anxious to get the air conditioners put it. Then you can be a 21st century county like the rest of the school system.

MS. WHITE: So I just want to say again just thank you to -- and Governor, thank you, and thank you to our State and local officials, as well, as well as our community members. We do have the benefit of a strong community in Baltimore County.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Matter of fact, we're going to let some of them speak right now.

MS. WHITE: We have active parents. We have active elected officials, as well, and so we're grateful. So thank you for the opportunity to speak.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. First up, we have Jim Melia -- hope I got your name right -- from Lansdowne High School.

MR. MELIA: Thank you. I made a shirt. I have a costume change here, and it says "We're number 24." And if you're running the Boston

Marathon, that's really great, but in Baltimore County there are only 24 high schools, and we're number 24.

We're number 24 on the list in terms of the facilities report that Mr. Franchot talked about, and on scales of 1 to 5, most categories are rating in this building a 1 or a 2. There are two 5s -- a fire alarm system and air handling equipment. I'm not sure what air it's handling because we don't have air conditioning, but the engineers liked that, so it's a 5.

And as we said, this was a \$30 million renovation, which as a taxpayer I kind of had a hard time swallowing knowing the condition of this building. And now we've upped this to \$60 million. And as you also heard, these decisions are being made without any plan. The community can't see drawings. What's going to happen for \$60 million? It's like we're voting on air for the last two years.

But here's what we do know.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I just want to point out, by the way, that your entire school system walked out and they're not listening to your testimony.

MR. MELIA: That's fine.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: But we're going to listen.

MR. MELIA: Okay. In this binder are the engineering reports that show this data, and they do a really good job of explaining what's going on, and

we talked about the 1.74 out of 5. We talked about structural flaws. It's in these engineering reports.

Part of the expanded renovation is site work -- throwing more cement pins into the ground so that the music wing doesn't keep sinking, and the evidence of that structural failure is a brick wall about 100 feet long that sags in the middle and is bending out, and that's the first floor. There's a second floor on top of it.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I'm sorry. I missed your affiliation with the school.

MR. MELIA: Well, I'm here as a taxpayer, but I also teach in the school.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Good for you.

MR. MELIA: So thank you for having me. Our students are drinking from water coolers, and as you walk through the school you can see the evidence of structural failure throughout the building.

The floors are cracking, horizontal and vertical cracking in the walls down many hallways, and what the county has done is ripped up the tiles off the wall or the floor and they put concrete or caulk in there and they tile back over this stuff, and you can see the evidence of this all over the place because the color of the new tiles is different than the color of the original. And you can see where some new tiles are cracking again.

But that's structural stuff. I want to talk about the design because the design won't go away in a renovation. We have undersized classrooms, about half the size of what the current standard is. That's not going to change in a renovation.

Whoever the company is getting ready to sell us furniture put four sets of desks out in the cafeteria one day and had the students vote. Student involvement, it was fantastic. They all picked one desk, and then they discovered that this new furniture won't fit in our classrooms, and so they picked a new set of desks -- the three smallest desks I've ever seen manufactured by anybody, and we're going to squeeze these high school kids into these desks. So that small classroom size is not going to change.

And, in fact, they are going to fix one classroom by deleting one classroom to make the television studio bigger, and that gives us one less classroom. So now we're down to a capacity of 30 less students, and this building will be to capacity next year.

So the building of the elementary school is because of overcrowding. In a very short time those students will be going to the high school and we will not have addressed overcrowding in Lansdowne High School after spending \$60 million dollars.

There's a T hallway where two parts of the building come together. Literally an administrator stands in the middle of this sardine can-like atmosphere

so the kids can maneuver through the hallway, and that happens four times a day. And then we talked about the level changes. So you're well aware that when they built this building if there was ground down here they built that part of the school and they put a staircase down to it. If there was a hill over here they built that part of the school and put stairs up to it.

There are stairs everywhere in this school and, in fact, in the reports our school received the lowest ADA rating you can get. It is not maneuverable to anyone with an injury or a handicap.

And so the question of why do you have before you Dulaney and Towson as new school proposals and Lansdowne getting a replacement when we're number 24, and they're now saying, well, it's because of overcrowding. Well, last year they proposed and passed renovating Patapsco High School, a school where half of the students go to school in the parking lot in trailers.

So, all of a sudden this year now the priority is overcrowding, and the only relationship I can draw -- one of them is that Patapsco and Lansdowne are, of course, lower economic areas and they're both getting the short end of the county's stick.

So, as we have these proposals of Dulaney and Lansdowne -- and I agree they both need new schools, so I'm not advocating against them. But all of a sudden at board meetings we're getting State legislators coming down. We're

getting local politicians coming in supporting these two high schools, and no one is speaking up for Lansdowne High School. It's silent.

And I asked Dayana Bergman, who's one of the community advocates here today, why this is, and one is some of our parents can't afford to get child care, get the day off of a job and drive up the beltway to a Board of Ed meeting. But the other one is that they've been told by the local legislation, take the renovation or risk nothing, and if you're ever going to get a new school it may be in 20 years. And so the parents have learned this message and not to speak up for a new school.

And so, at one Board of Ed meeting, Mr. Pete Dixit, the Executive Director for Baltimore County schools, he was here today, was answering a list of questions from the Lansdowne community about the renovation and about the new building. And he was asked specifically for a cost benefit analysis, new versus renovate -- what would be the long-term cost of these two? And his answer was "No such study was required." That's it. Nothing was required. That was the answer, and so we don't know what these long-term costs will be.

I can tell you a quick bit of current history, which would be this August where there was a leaking pipe underneath one hallway at Lansdowne High School, and they jack hammered about 60 feet of hallway apart. They rerouted this water pipe above the ceiling and then they cemented it back. Who

knows what this cost? This isn't even renovation money. This is just one leaky pipe. What happens when the next 60 feet of pipe goes?

And that's what's going to keep happening with any part of this infrastructure that is not touched by renovation. And to finish that part of the story, there's still water under that hallway. It was not the pipe. They think it's coming from an underground spring or rain water, and it's still raining into the locker rooms downstairs.

So since Mr. Dixit couldn't give us an answer, what you have before you is \$60 million in renovation -- 24 from the State and 36 from the county. And for approximately \$17 million more in county funding, the State funds would kick in for a new versus renovated construction, and for approximately \$17 to \$20 more of county spending, they could have a new school. It is possible.

So as a taxpayer of Baltimore County, and a teacher at Lansdowne High School, I'm begging the Board of Ed and the Board of Public Works to reject what you have before you, a \$60 million renovation. We need a new school. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you.

(Applause.)

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: It sounds like some of the folks agree with you. We have next up Dayana Bergman.

TREASURER KOPP: Are we going to at some point hear from Dr. Gorrell, or that's a different meeting? I mean --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Everybody from the system will have --

TREASURER KOPP: Is there a facilities study that shows -- I thought we just heard that there was not a facilities study for the enhanced renovation?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We don't have one.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Okay. Why don't we let Dayana Bergman talk since the school system's not here?

MS. BERGMAN: Hi. I actually went out there and asked our new intermediate superintendent if they could please come back in here.

My husband currently is deployed in South Korea. We're an active duty military family. I have three children in Baltimore County schools. My seven-year-old has missed 13 days in a school site that still doesn't have AC because it will receive a replacement school at Lansdowne Elementary. But I don't know the long-term effects that is impacting on my children's health, because he's missed 13 days since the beginning of the school year because of bloody noses, headaches, and I'm very lucky he's a very bright little kid.

You're right. The parents in our community should be very angry. I've been very humble to the Board of Ed. I haven't missed a single Board of Ed meeting since I found out about the conditions of these schools. I'm from Florida. The State of Florida doesn't do this to children. We have AC in our public school system. We have drinkable water. We don't have pipes to replace in Baltimore County. We have water coolers. We have over 24 schools. Each one of these bottles represents 24 schools in Baltimore County and we don't know what we're drinking.

And we're in the United States. My husband did a tour in Iraq. I sat right there almost three years ago. I couldn't wrap my head how my husband, to do his mission in Iraq in the middle of the desert, he had AC. And now our children that are in the United States have been going into a building to receive an education that I know if I go back home and if you leave a child in a locked car above 90 degrees you get arrested. In that high school, the temperatures get 97 degrees or higher.

I don't need Baltimore County school district to stay in the room. I did go out there and ask them to please come in here. But this is not right for any child. It's not. We shouldn't be number 24. In that basket is Colgate Elementary, on the other side of the bridge from our community. It has a lower score than the high school building. They're still waiting. There's no forward funding on Colgate Elementary.

There's an early child center in Baltimore County called Campfield Elementary School. It's never even made it on the list. There's children from the ages of three to six. One water cooler in that whole building is serving 11 classrooms of children between the ages of three and six.

We can't keep going back and forth like a little wall here. From the State of Maryland, the richest state, you have so many resources. I've gotten the privilege of living so many places in so many communities across this country, and even that limited renovation -- even though with enhanced and put a fancy word in front of it, still doesn't fix what attracted me to pay attention to this issue. It still doesn't fix that teachers sink in a science classroom.

I shouldn't have to feel like I've failed as a parent accessing and sending my kids to receive a fair public education when they're sweating in there, and I don't know the long-term health effects that this has impacted on my children.

So I'm asking you, please. I don't want the forward funding for a renovation. Do right by our community in Lansdowne. Do right for these children. They have the right. That is what my family sacrifices every day to have that freedom, that public education opportunity that other countries do not offer.

So, please. We are the people that you represent. We are here to tell you, please, come up with the solution. We're counting on you. Do not walk

away from us. That's what happened. When I walked out of this room I asked our school district please come back in here. Please don't walk away from us. Every child matters. Just please do the right thing. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Dayana. Next up we have Vara Cheikh -- or Yara. I don't want to mess up the name. It's Yara. I'm sorry, Yara.

MS. CHEIKH: It's Yara Cheikh. That's okay. You're not the first one to do that.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yara Cheikh. Okay. We got that.

MS. CHEIKH: So, hello to Councilman Kach and to Board member Kathleen Causey, and BCPS official Bob Barrett who are in the room. Good afternoon, Governor, Treasurer, and Comptroller. Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you today.

I am proud of the tremendous progress Baltimore County has made in updating our aging infrastructure, air conditioning our schools, and addressing overcrowding at the elementary school level.

Since 2011 Baltimore County has forward funded more than 150 million of school projects and spent \$1.3 billion on capital school program. For the one-third of which the State has funded, of that 1.3 billion, thank you to the Board of Public Works.

Recently BCPS has issued a proposal for a high school capacity study that will determine short, medium, and long-term capital solutions to address high school overcrowding. The proposal says the study should, and I quote, “consider the current capacity and space utilization of the buildings, community demographics, anticipated residential development and growth, and any associated growth in student enrollment.”

What is missing is mention of the condition of the school. There is no consideration of the aging infrastructure of each high school in this study. As a system this must be considered in that light. It is shortsighted not to. On that note, I would like to specifically address priority number 26, Dulaney High School on the State capital request before you. Our Baltimore County Executive has allotted the funding for a new high school to alleviate overcrowding in the central and northeast area.

As a longtime education advocate that began my advocacy over a decade ago, as the Comptroller will remember when he visited schools with me then, I started work on behalf of the very children that are feeling our overcrowded middle schools and high schools today when they were elementary students. I can say with confidence, supported by BCPS data and mapping projections, that a replacement school on the Dulaney High School site is a smart solution to projected overcrowding in the area.

In light of the future overcrowding at Dulaney High School, its current deficit of space of 47,000 square feet for its current enrollment and its decrepit condition, the Dulaney site is a natural site for the new school. Dulaney's high school site score in 2014 BCPS facilities report is a 4.03 out of 5. That's good. The nearly 43-acre site is ideal for a replacement school that accommodates the increased future enrollment indicated by BCPS projections.

I would ask that you fund the wonderful capital request prepared by the BCPS Division of Business Services and submitted by the Board of Education in terms of priority for Dulaney High School to be replaced. Also, please continue to advocate for Dulaney High School. The County Executive has asked the school system to identify the site for a new high school, with a future study explicitly not including aging school conditions as a consideration.

Dulaney High School may be in the precarious position of dropping in priority or no longer being a priority. We have seen schools come and go on the capital budget request. Any further delay is unnecessary and allows Dulaney High School to fall into further disrepair. Furthermore, if we are removed from the list, if we are not chosen as the school for the replacement site school, we would be the only school of 173 schools in the Baltimore County system without an air conditioning solution currently.

We would have the worse mechanical, electrical, and plumbing score of all 24 high schools in Baltimore County without a solution, and I say that

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because there is a \$60 million design plan being presented to the Lansdowne community in December. That is not to say that they don't have their own issues and their own case for what they need, but Dulaney High School students and staff will continue in an unsafe and archaic environment. And I thank you for your consideration and I'm happy to answer any questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Next we have Sharon and Charles Saroff.

MS. SAROFF: Thank you, Governor, and Comptroller Franchot. I am very proud to say that I am the mother of a recent graduate of Lansdowne High School. I have another daughter who graduated from that high school two years ago.

Under the conditions that I have seen as a community member, and I'm not from Lansdowne; I am from Owings Mills. But as a community member, because my kids went there, as a special education advocate who has clients in that building with disabilities, I am very, very angry that that school has not been replaced yet and it continues to be low on the priority list.

I have my own ideas as to why, but I am imploring you today to put those reasons aside and to go and give that school a building that they can learn in. We have in that school four magnet programs. That is how my children became students in that school. This child graduated with honors in the science and engineering program, and my daughter, when she graduated, won an award

for a play she wrote that was performed by a local theater group. She graduated from the performing arts magnet.

They have a great deal of talent in that building. They have teachers in that building that give 250 percent. You saw one of them -- Mr. Melia. Yet they work in conditions where the classrooms on the second floor are above 100 degrees and they're expected to teach in those classrooms. They're expected to continue to learn in those classrooms, these students, without any air conditioning, without adequate water.

I am concerned about the fact that that school is literally sinking and crumbling. No matter of renovation is going to fix that school. We need a new building. We are not the only ones. We know that Dulaney needs one. We know that Towson needs one. We know that Campfield, which isn't even on the list for anything, needs a building.

But Lansdowne is the worst and it deserves to be the first priority for a new building, not a replacement renovation.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Charles?

MR. SAROFF: Hello. As my mom said, I am a graduate of Lansdowne High School from the class of 2017. And it's interesting, the sort of dichotomy that we have at Lansdowne because I've often said that in terms of the community that exists there, in terms of the teachers, it's been my favorite school

to go to. But then in terms of the building it's been my least favorite because of just how bad the conditions are.

I remember -- this was my junior year. We were about to do a rehearsal for the spring musical. We went into the auditorium and brown water was seeping out from underneath the stage and this was incredibly shocking to me when I first saw this. At the time I hadn't been paying attention as much to just how bad the conditions had been, and this is what started to wake me up to that.

I remember the music room. You know, I really liked the music program, but the music room, what you have is that towards the back of the room the floor actually starts to tilt down. It's actually noticeably tilted when you sit on it, and then in the storage room where the instruments are stored the walls are all cracked. In the multi-media room, which we have a great televideo program, but that has to work in a room that has cracks in the walls.

And, you know, I can tell you all the stuff about, you know, the great experiences I've had at Lansdowne because of the community and the students there, and I fear greatly that community just being destroyed because of this building's poor condition. The community can't survive in a building like this. It is literally -- the foundation of the community is sinking.

It scares me to think of, you know, there's people who I know who are younger than me who are even, you know, going into their sophomore, junior, senior year this year who are still in that building and I worry about them having

to be in there in these conditions. I worry especially because so many of these issues are structural that someone could get injured.

We cannot fix this stuff with renovation. The condition of the building is just not something we can renovate. The foundation is unsound. The building is sinking, and there's -- we don't have clean water. It's not something that is -- it's not practical or really possible to renovate in an effective manner, especially with the renovations we've had so far. I'll give one last thing.

We were having renovations. This was, I believe, this past year, and we had just bought a new sound board for the auditorium, and the people doing the renovations broke the sound board and we had to pay for that, which was really not appreciated. I mean, I feel like that's really just a great metaphor for whole thing. All the renovations are doing is preventing us from getting what we actually need. It will just delay us getting what we need, which is a new school building and that's really just hurting us in the long run.

So, no, we don't want renovations. When the new proposal is given in December I can pretty confidently guarantee that the community will reject it because they want and they need a new school building, not renovations. Thank you.

MS. SAROFF: Can I just say one more thing possibly? We have a board member in this room, Kathy Causey. And Kathy Causey has been a fighter for Lansdowne, and that's not even the area that she represents. And I

want to thank Governor Hogan for appointing her to our board, because she has been a godsend. She fights for the underdog, and I want her recognized because she is the only one from the delegation that stayed.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Kathy.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

MS. SAROFF: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We're going to move on to Montgomery County.

TREASURER KOPP: Can I just ask Mr. Gorrell, I still am wondering and I guess we'll know in December, what a cost -- more than \$60 million renovation is? Obviously patching won't work. There's no question about that. But a \$60 plus million is not a simple -- right? Is that right?

MR. GORRELL: No, that's a lot of money. There were discussions about unpitting the foundation that sounded like pulling out old systems and replacing them. So I'll have to go research it and I'd be happy to create a report on this issue.

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah. I would just like to know what it -- because I don't think anybody in this room seems to really have a picture of what it is.

MR. GORRELL: Right.

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DR. SMITH: Good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, Treasurer Kopp, Dr. Salmon. It's a pleasure to be here today. Thank you for taking just a few minutes to hear what Montgomery County's current circumstances are around public school construction. We first of all want to thank you for your past support and the State allocation in FY 2018. We have \$37.4 million, and \$21.8 million in State aid to the Capital Grant Program.

We've provided a lot of information attached to our testimony. I was going to talk about some of that but I'm going to forego that because it's in front of you today.

The story in Montgomery County is growth. We have had tremendous growth. By 2022 we anticipate that we will exceed 168,000 or more students. We've actually had more than 21,000 students join us in the last ten years, and currently those students who were primarily elementary a few years ago are moving into middle and high school, which leaves us about 10,000 seats short in middle and high schools.

So much about of our capital project program that we will release in the coming weeks will be around middle and high school expansion for seats and renovation of aging infrastructure. We did have a task force in 2016 that looked at planned life cycle asset replacement, HVAC, and roof replacement. So we've worked hard in those areas to make sure that we are taking very, very good care of what is provided by our local and State governments.

We know the absolute importance of fiduciary responsibility and with the State and local construction dollars and we continue to use them in the most efficient and effective ways. We ask that you look at our request today and that you consider it, and understand that the story in Montgomery County is a balance between maintenance, expansion for growth, and updating aging facilities. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Dr. Smith. I want to thank you for your brevity, because we're running hours behind schedule. We've been going since 10:00 a.m., and that was the best presentation I've heard so far.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: You yield the rest of your time to --

DR. SMITH: Absolutely.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Any questions for Montgomery County?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Just quickly. Congrats on the maintenance, because it's big improvements, Mr. Song. Thank you for --

MR. SONG: Thank you.

DR. SMITH: And thank you for the three awards today. We will present those to our principals. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much.

DR. SMITH: Thank you. Have a good day.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: I liked that one. Next up, Prince George's County. Good afternoon.

DR. MAXWELL: Good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, Treasurer Kopp, Dr. Salmon. For the record my name is Kevin Maxwell and I'm the Chief Executive Officer of Prince George's County Public Schools. Here today with some of my staff, representing the team who developed our fiscal year 2019-24 capital improvement program we have a new Director of Capital Programs, Mr. Shawn Matlock who joined us in late September, a new Capital Improvement Officer, Elizabeth Chaisson, and we welcome their fresh perspective to the challenge of implementing our capital program. Delegate Susie Proctor from District 27A is here with us today, as well. I welcome her. And I will also try to be brief.

This year's submission is a little different than the ones in the past. It combines both the local and the State requesting the one submission with a pendency separating the State documents from the local ones. The significance is that both the State and our public stakeholders can see the magnitude of the local share of funding requested in the fiscal year '19. We are asking the county for approximately \$255 million, and the State for approximately \$84 million, which is almost \$18 million more than we received last year, and includes \$27 million in funding requests for five major State approved projects, as well as some comprehensive heating and cooling HVAC replacements to eight of our schools.

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As one of the largest school systems we have over 200 facilities spread over almost 500 square miles, and 132,000 children. More than 50 percent of our 200 facilities are over 40 years of age and in need of modernization. The significant enrollment growth in the northern area of the county has created overcrowding in over 90 of our facilities that further reduces their educational adequacy and exasperates the condition deficiencies.

So, I think, at that I will say we did a 20 year master plan study by an outside group that made recommendations and the implementation costs of the plan is around \$425 million a year or \$5.6 billion in 2017, and that is not a funding level that either the State or the county have been able to meet thus far, and at this rate will take over 60 years to do the 20 year modernization plan.

With that, I think I'll stop because you have all of the appendices and the other remarks that we have prepared.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Anybody else from your team need to say any remarks or -- you've got a big group here.

DR. MAXELL: Delegate Proctor, would you like to say a couple words?

DELEGATE PROCTOR: Oh, I would just thank you for your support in the past and ask for your support again. As a retired teacher of Prince George's County I really appreciate your support.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Delegate. Two things I have. One is on the -- maybe this is an anomaly because of the way -- what you include and we may be comparing apples to oranges, but I notice you have a \$479 per square foot construction cost on average, which seems to be the highest in the state, or one of the highest. I'm just wondering what you attribute that to.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, it's -- hello. It's right next to Montgomery County's, which is 485. Part of that is due to the adjacency to the Washington, D.C. area. There's considerable additional expenditures related to the markets that we're dealing with as opposed to some of the other markets where they don't have as much competition for both labor and the cost of doing business.

In addition, unfortunately for us we have learned that there's a bit of a premium that's been applied to some of our purchasing or providing services to us based upon some of the inefficiencies in which we've been dealing with, and we're trying to address those now. We're actually working to address those now. And in addition to that, there is some soft costs in there that aren't directly unnecessarily what I would call related to the actual costs of the building, but things around it.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Gotcha. Good answer. Thank you. And the other question was, Dr. Maxwell, last year I was ready to congratulate you. We missed you last January. I was going to congratulate you on your

maintenance scores going up, and this year they went down. So you missed out on the attaboy, but now you've dropped from good to average.

DR. MAXWELL: I apologize for missing the attaboy, sir. But I appreciate the opportunity to be here today.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: But can you explain why you dropped from good in FY '16 to adequate in FY '17? It seems like you're going in the wrong direction now.

DR. MAXWELL: So I think, you know, my maintenance person, Mr. Sam Stephanelli is coming up, but I would say that the longer we delay some of the work -- I mean, we have an aging infrastructure we inherited. You know, quite a backlog in both maintenance and in new construction. And the longer, you know, we have to delay that work, the worse the conditions get. I mean, we're doing our best to keep up with the issues and the problems in the system, but the reality is the longer you keep delaying -- I mean, we all know if you delay, you know, putting a roof on your house, sooner or later you're going to have, you know, the leaky understructure of the roof. Same thing is true if you don't keep up with the paint. Then pretty soon you're replacing wood. And it's those kinds of issues.

Sam, do you have anything else you want to add?

MR. STEPHANELLI: No. The only difference is we have an increase in replacing equipment that is failing as opposed to maintaining it. So

our maintenance budget is taking a big hit because the capital programs is not able to keep up with that. So it's a combination of the aging of the buildings and we're kind of caught in that where we're starting to lose ground because we're having to replace equipment that's failing as opposed to maintaining.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Okay.

MR. STEPHANELLI: But there is an increase in support from the Board of Education in the county. That's been the focus in the last two years. So we are seeing an increase in our resources that are afforded to us from the county in the Board of Education, which is going to help that.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Any other questions of Prince George's?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes, just a quick question, if I could, Dr. Maxwell. On the High Point High School in Beltsville, I'm told it has the highest population of English language learners in the State. In May of this year, 1,104 of the 2,675 students were English language learners, and apparently the 2,675 students who attended the school in May, that's more than 600 students over the capacity.

So I guess the question is when are we going to build a replacement high school for High Point?

DR. MAXWELL: So I think there's a couple of pieces of that. First of all, High Point High School is certainly a challenging school, but we also

have other schools with challenges, as well. We have a two-part solution to that. Again, there are members of my team here that can speak more deeply to it than I, but we don't believe that that sized school with the challenges it has is really the right solution for Prince George's County.

We have a new northern area high school in our capital plan, as well, and we would -- you know, our position, our plan as a system based on the work from the recommendations of the outside group that helped develop our facility's master plan is to build the new northern area high school, reduce the size of High Point High School, and replace it. It doesn't make any sense to replace the high school at the size that it is when, in fact, we believe it should really be two high schools.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: What's that fish tank you have in your office? I sometimes come over to visit just to see them.

DR. MAXWELL: You should come back again and see them. They're doing just fine.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: It calms me down.

DR. MAXWELL: Yeah. It does me, too, briefly.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Maybe we can send him over there every other Wednesday.

(Laughter.)

DR. MAXWELL: I'd be happy to host him and while I can't offer the crab cakes that were offered earlier, I can certainly offer you lunch.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: All right. Thank you.

DR. MAXWELL: Thank you so much.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Dr. Maxwell.

DR. MAXWELL: Thank you so much.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Next up we have Dorchester County.

TREASURER KOPP: Governor, as Dorchester County is coming up, let me just say so far in all of these what I see is Prince George's mentioned it's just about at its debt limit, and it can operating taxes because of trim, we're just about at our debt limit, and yet there's this whole unmet -- huge unmet need. I think that really -- that's the basic problem.

MR. BRAMBLE: Good afternoon --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good afternoon.

MR. BRAMBLE: -- Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, and Treasurer Kopp. I'm here today. My name is Glenn Bramble. I'm President of Dorchester County Board of Education. I'll be quick. I'd like to introduce our new Superintendent, I might add, Dr. Diana Mitchell.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Welcome. Congratulations.

MR. BRAMBLE: The lady here in the back, Laura Layton, a new member this past year. We all know, I think, Johnny Mautz over here. Our Director of Facilities here --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Everybody knows Johnny.

MR. BRAMBLE: -- Dwayne Abt in Operations. The man here is the one that you won't have a problem with on taking care of our property and our school systems, without mentioning any previous people that stood before you. He takes great care of our schools and I think, you know, Comptroller Franchot can verify that, as well, by visiting our schools in Dorchester County, which is Chris Hauge.

With that in mind, I'm going to turn it over to our wonderful new superintendent, Diana Mitchell.

DR. MITCHELL: Thank you. Good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, Treasurer Kopp, State Superintendent Dr. Salmon and staff. I am Diana Mitchell, Superintendent of Dorchester County Public Schools and we greatly appreciate this opportunity to speak with you on behalf of the Board of Education, the County Council, the Dorchester Delegation, and most importantly the students and families of Dorchester County Public Schools.

Today we are seeking funding for the third of a balance of a fiscal year project for a critically important project for the replacement of 63-year-old North Dorchester High School.

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Dorchester County is a very small school system of 4,800 students. We've been fortunate enough to be able to replace and renovate several facilities over the years thanks to the funding and the partnership between the State of Maryland, the Dorchester County Council, and we continue to be grateful for that partnership. Nevertheless, we have numerous needs in our schools which requires us to continue to advance our long-term capital improvement planning.

Furthermore, as you are aware, Dorchester County faces a variety of economic challenges that rival those of more prominent school districts in the State of Maryland. Dorchester County currently has 63 percent of our students who are eligible for free and reduced meals. We continue to experience both a decline in our local tax base and a high unemployment rate.

Given these challenges, we are thrilled and thankful to have a new Dorchester County High School. We are currently in Phase 2 of a four-year phase project. Steel and block work are currently underway, and we are about ten days ahead of schedule on this project.

All of this compels us to speak on our request. We are seeking from the Board of Public Works the three-year State funding of \$10,021,000 for the North Dorchester High School project. In addition to the high school, we are also requesting State funding to support three projects to vastly improve the efficiency and efficacy of our schools across the district. The three projects are South Dorchester K-8 High School, which was built in 1954, and this is for a

multi-year phase to cover the HVAC ventilation system. The total project cost is \$7,260,000. We are requesting \$2,363,000 for the fiscal year of '19 for Phase 1.

According to a report by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency this past January, 2017, good indoor air quality contributes to a safer environment for students, performance of teachers and staff, and a sense of comfort, health, and well-being. Moreover, children breathe more, eat more, and drink more liquid in proportion to their body and weight than adults. Therefore, air quality in schools is of a concern. Proper maintenance of indoor air quality is a quality issue. It (indiscernible) safety and stewardship of our investments for students and staff.

We are requesting funds for the fiscal year 2019 for roof replacements for Vienna Elementary School, built in 1956, for \$615,000, and New Directions Learning Academy, built in 1975, in the amount of \$992,000.

In conclusion we wish to thank you for this opportunity to advocate on behalf of the students and families of Dorchester County. Did you have any questions for myself or the staff or our delegate? Please advise at this time.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much, Dr. Mitchell. Would anybody else like to make any comments, including your distinguished delegate? Anything you want to add there, John?

MR. BRAMBLE: No, he doesn't want to say anything.

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(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Did you want to talk about that waterman challenge contest we had?

DELEGATE MAUTZ: You got me, Governor. I did the best that I could and you broke through the pilings and you made me look -- you put me in my place.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Thank you for admitting that.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I just want the record to show that not only did I beat Delegate Mautz but most of the professional watermen with a great score, and I got five offers to work on boats right after that.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: All right. Any other questions for Dorchester County?

MR. BRAMBLE: Excuse me, Governor. This project at North Dorchester is a huge project. Everyone in the community is wrapped around it. It's a phenomenal thing. If you get the chance to stop by we'd love to have you for a visit. It's a high need and we're really excited about it.

The new superintendent, she's grabbed the reins. The Board has been there the whole step of the way. And I'm new. This is my third year, first

term -- and so I jumped on the bandwagon. Delegate Eckhardt couldn't be here, so she wanted to send her regards and her appreciation for Dorchester County.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. I'm new, also. So we both -- it hasn't been three years yet, though. Not for me. You're jumping the gun a little bit. Not until January. Two and three-quarters, let's say.

But thank you all very much. I guess we don't have any questions for Dorchester, but thanks to the team to coming down. Thank you for all working together.

DR. MITCHELL: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We're going to move now to Maryland School for the Blind.

MR. BINA: Good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, and Treasurer Kopp. My name is Mike Bina, President of the Maryland School for the Blind.

We are grateful to the Board of Public Works that three of our six campus master plan phases have been completed. Being good stewards of State funding, magic words - ahead of schedule, and under budget. We want to thank you for the opportunity to replace our aged out not fully handicapped accessible buildings that serve all of Maryland's 24 local school systems, averting the need to send these students that they can't serve in their counties out of state, separated from their families at twice the cost than what MSB is able to serve them.

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The school respectfully requests your approval of the \$24 million newcomer renovation project as a cost savings measure to allow the cash flow from the State to match our construction schedule, averting the need for expensive bank loans which are MSB's only option available to bridge the funding gap.

MSB must secure commercial bank loans to forward fund construction to stay on schedule with construction proceeding faster than State funding. Our debt service is greatly increasing. Our construction costs are funds going to commercial lenders versus directly, adding value to Maryland's school facility improvements, which is a much better use of State funding.

Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, and Treasurer Kopp, we urge your serious consideration of our request to avert the need for additional bank loans and we sincerely appreciate your continued support of our mission to serve students from all 24 local school systems. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much for the great work that you do, and thank you for your presentation.

TREASURER KOPP: Can I ask you, your budget -- your funding -- your revenue, where does it come from?

MR. BINA: We are State-aided. We raise additional funding from the public sector. We also have an endowment fund.

TREASURER KOPP: And Federal? Do you get Federal?

MR. BINA: We get decreasing Federal funding, which is not a significant source of revenue, but through MSDE we get a main grant funding. We do get some assistance from the local school systems. So it all totals. I think we are 92 percent State-aided -- private school and State-aided.

TREASUER KOPP: So when you go for a bank loan, it's backed by --

MR. BINA: Well, we've gotten two loans thus far totaling \$24 million. But now that -- we have to maintain a balance of \$30 million in our endowment as a covenant to get the loan.

TREASURER KOPP: That's the endowment? Okay.

MR. BINA: So we went to the lenders again and they said if we give you an additional loan we'll have to collateralize your buildings. So we really want to avert the need to have to get additional bank loans, and we want to be good stewards of the money we get and put that money directly into school facilities.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah. That puts you in a unique position as compared to the counties.

MR. BINA: I'm sorry, sir?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That puts you in a unique position as compared to the county school systems.

MR. BINA: Yes, sir, because our only means to pay the loans off are endowment funds or what we're able to raise.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great. Any questions?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: None from me.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, sir.

MR. BINA: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Next we're going to move to Harford County, and I know the County Executive -- I spoke with him earlier today, along with Sheriff Gahler, and the County Executive had planned to be here himself but obviously they're dealing with an emergency as a result of the shooting earlier today.

So those of you who are joining us probably didn't hear, but I was expressing my thoughts and prayers being with the families of the victims today, and we're all standing strong with Harford County, and the State is providing every possible assistance that we can to work together with the local sheriff's department and the county government.

Thank you all for being here. I'm sorry for the tragedy today.

MS. CANAVAN: Thank you so much. Yeah, it was a sad day in Harford County, that's for sure.

Good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Treasurer Kopp, Comptroller Franchot, Dr. Salmon, and Mr. Gorrell. I am Barbara Canavan, the

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Superintendent of Schools for Harford County, and when you send an invitation out for people to come and support you, you get a pretty large group.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: You have quite a crew here.

MS. CANAVAN: So we have our local elected officials, we have board members, and members of the leadership team, and I'm very proud to have them here in support of the work that we do.

Just wanted very quickly to go over the prior CIP request to let you know where we are. Youths Benefit Elementary School is nearing completion. It will open for full occupancy by the end of the month. The open space and closure projects at William S. James Elementary, and William Paca/Old Post Road Elementary were completed over the summer and occupied this school year.

We have one open space project, Bel Air Elementary. It is currently in design and planned to begin construction in June of 2018. We're also in the process of completing an HVAC systemic renovation at Riverside Elementary School, and Joppatowne High School has undergone a much needed roof replacement.

Our FY 2019 request -- \$11,544,000 for the second year of funding to replace the Havre De Grace High School with the Havre De Grace Middle and High School. \$568,000 is required to address our last open space enclosure project at Bel Air Elementary School. \$528,000 is the amount needed to replace the 24-year-old failing chiller at Fallston Middle School. \$1,376,000 is the

funding required for building envelope maintenance and repairs at Aberdeen Middle School. This request will enable us to address our most critical roof replacement need and to complete the much needed masonry point-up and waterproofing of the exterior brick walls.

Before I open it up for questions, I do want to thank all of you for your continued support, and particularly point out a meeting that we had last week with the IAC. It was a very collegial, collaborative meeting. They are always so helpful to Harford County and I did not want to let this meeting go by without addressing that.

So at this time we're available for any questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Would any of the elected officials or anyone else like to say anything?

DELEGATE LISANTI: Just want to say thank you very much for all of the past support and asking for your continued support in this project.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Thank you all for being here and we appreciate your support. Any questions?

(No response.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you all very much.

MS. CANAVAN: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Could I just let everyone know that the words of the Governor about the situation in Harford are felt by

everybody in the State, obviously. But I'm sure the Treasurer and I want to be associated with those comments. Harford is such a great place. I mean, really. It's a wonderful county. I'm sorry this happened, and to the extent we can be supportive in any way, please --

MS. CANAVAN: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Next up we have Somerset County.

MR. GADDIS: Good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, Treasurer Kopp. John Gaddis bringing you greetings from small but mighty Somerset County Public Schools.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I like that "small but mighty" comment.

MR. GADDIS: It is. It rings well. I have quite a few people here which shows the support. But for time's sake I want to thank them for coming from our Board Chair, Warner Sumpter, our elected delegation, and members of our staff.

I've been in front of you for four years now. You understand our economic challenges. You have been very good to Somerset County and we appreciate what you have done for us. The biggest and only project that we have in front of you is for year two funding of the J. M. Tawes Technical High School. It is truly a project that will transform what we do in Somerset County.

With seven of our ten buildings being more than 35 years old, this building being one of them, it will truly allow us to help our students not only become college ready, but career ready, which is a huge initiative and it's a reality in our county. So, I could ask you ten other ways. We just ask support for year two funding for the J.M. Tawes Technical High School project.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well, thank you very much. I would imagine you win the award for coming the farthest today, unless -- well, we have to calculate.

MR. GADDIS: Some people had less. But we'll take it. We'll take it.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Maybe Garrett County came the farthest, I'm not sure. But you guys might be tied for that.

MR. GADDIS: We just appreciate the opportunity. We appreciate the support that you've shown Somerset County. And again, I've said it to you before, you've come to Somerset County, and that matters to people.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I can't wait to get back.

MR. GADDIS: Well, greetings from Captain Tyler, as well.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Tell the captain I said hello. Any questions? Mr. Comptroller?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I'm glad to see the CVIC reconsidered the price per square foot.

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MR. GADDIS: That was a tremendous help to us.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Mr. Gorrell, thank you for --
whoever was responsible. Somebody was. It's the right conclusion.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And I want to congratulate you because I
see here it says the State cost share of 96 percent, and that's down 4 percent from
last year. So, hey, you guys are heading in the right direction, from 100 percent to
--

MR. GADDIS: Absolutely.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: So, we're happy to help.

MR. GADDIS: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you all for being here.

DELEGATE OTTO: If I may, Governor, I attended that school.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Oh, wow.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Go ahead and say something.

DELEGATE OTTO: And the school was replaced and I attended
38 years ago, and I think it did me a lot of good in vocational agriculture, and I
look forward to --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: You didn't turn out so bad, Delegate
Otto.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Senator Mathias, anything?

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SENATOR MATHIAS: Thank you, Governor. If I may, he turned out just great. And I'm telling you, we're very proud of Charles as our Eastern Shore delegation chair, to say the least. You know how important agriculture is, and our commercial watermen and all. But he said what I wanted to say. As you look at Governor Tawes looking over us today, and the Comptroller Tawes, Treasurer Tawes, you know, that's a uniqueness in our State.

And his namesake, just for a moment, we thank you for your support at University of Maryland Eastern Shore with the pharmacy building there, and this will allow those students to call a vocation there, perhaps, or down Wallops Island. Half the jobs in Wallops, those technical jobs, are in Maryland or in the lower Eastern Shore. So this is what it allows it to do.

In closing, I just want to say before, I have a letter in the file but in 2010 when I was fortunate to run this race, my treasurer, her dad -- their family has been in farming since the 1600's and they farm in the three lower counties, and I'd be leaving Somerset County at night after a long day of campaigning and she'd have me on the phone and she'd say "well, how'd you do today?" And I said, honestly if the folks in Worchester and Wicomico treat me as nicely as they do in Somerset we're going to win this thing in a landslide.

They're good, decent people, Governor. They've been good, decent people. If you remember a couple of years ago I met with Joe Getty before he went on to the bench, and I asked him to convey to you as your legislative

person to bring the powers of our State to these great people who have seen adversity, and they've managed it, and they're moving forward with it. Whether it's Hurricane Sandy or other challenges, they're super, they're great, and I appreciate your support. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Mr. Sumpter, is there anything you want to add?

MR. SUMPTER: We do thank you, and please come back and visit. Comptroller, we enjoyed when you came and gave us the silver hammer. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much, and thanks for talking about Governor Tawes and not the one on my other shoulder here.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Now we're going to have Howard County up next.

DR. MARTIRANO: Good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, and Treasurer Kopp.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good afternoon.

DR. MARTIRANO: I am Michael Martirano, the interim Superintendent of schools for the Howard County Public School System. I am joined today by our Board of Education Chair, Cindy Vaillancourt, Board Members Kirsten Coombs, Sandra French. I'm also pleased to have our County

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Executive, Allan Kittleman, as well as our County Council Chair, John Weinstein, and members of the Council, Jen Terrasa are here, as well. From the Howard County State Delegation we have Delegates Bob Flanagan and Vanessa Atterbeary, and Senator Guzzone was here momentarily and he had to leave to get back to Howard County. Also we have from our Central Office staff Anissa Brown Dennis, our Chief Operating Officer; Bruce Gist, our Executive Director of Capital Planning; and Jahantab Siddiqui, our Chief of Communications.

Board of Public Works, it's a new day in Howard County. We are working hard to improve communications with our stakeholders fostering collaboration and supporting creativity. I have taken swift actions to reestablish a more productive, collaborative partnership with our parents and community leaders, and a positive working relationship with our county and State government leaders. These relationships lay the groundwork for further progress and our mutual goal of regaining public trust.

We have addressed head-on several chronic issues that have interfered with our system's progress and challenged our relationships with our stakeholders. We are placing the highest premium on openness and transparency by actively responding to questions, input, and feedback from all stakeholders.

We recently launched an online MPIA tracking system to make public requests and responsiveness documents readily accessible to our community. I have initiated a forensic audit to examine our budget practices over

the past several years, and we are taking a close look at our chronic health care fund deficit to determine the underlying causes and long-term solutions. Suffice to say, we are reviewing our entire budget for further savings and efficiencies.

We have diligently responded to the community concerns about mold with a robust program to ensure Indoor Environment Quality, using the best practices that were commended by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We appreciate the restoration of \$9.6 million in State funding, and we thank you again for that, and I've put into good use in making essential upgrades to school heating, to ventilation, and air conditioning systems at Pointers Run, Rockburn Elementary, Burleigh Manor, and Mount View Middle.

And we just hired a certified industrial hygienist to be in a proactive way to address our ongoing air quality issues. We are committed to environmental sustainability in our public school construction program. Maintenance inspection scores have average over the last seven years at 91.5 percent and for that we are extremely proud.

But, Board of Public Work members, understand that Howard County is one of the fastest growing counties in our great state. Howard County Public Schools enrollment has grown steadily for the last several decades and has increased by approximately 1,000 students in each of the last several years. Our current enrollment is 56,800 students -- beautiful children, which is over 1,000

more students than last year, and we expect to welcome more than 1,000 additional students next year.

By 2026, our enrollment is expected to have increased to over 9,000 students. Rapid growth brings pressure for additional school capacity, especially in the northeastern portion of our county where growth is most intense. Today, nearly one-quarter of our schools -- 17 of the 73, or 23 percent are significantly overcrowded, with enrollment exceeding 110 percent target utilization.

Addressing school overcrowding is an issue of equity, and giving all students full access to high quality educational programs and services. Our productive relationship with our Howard County Executive Kittleman and the County Council has allowed us to secure enough funds to build a long overdue replacement school for Talbot Springs Elementary. We also opened a new elementary school in the northeast region next year, and an additional elementary school slated to open in 2023.

But the issues at the high school are great. At the high school level, we project a deficit of 2,362 seats by 2022, with the number increasing to 2,686 in 2024. Our revised capital budget request includes the acceleration by two years of a much needed long overdue 13th high school in 2022. This advancement and acceleration is a collective priority for myself, our Board of

Education, our County Executive, and our County Council, and our State Delegation.

The new high school is estimated to cost over \$100 million, with a total State request for close to \$50 million over a three-year period. For FY 2019 we are not necessarily seeking additional funding for that school. We have other State requests. But we are requesting funding towards school construction but seeking local planning permission.

I need to let you know that if you are reading the papers in Howard County we're engaged in redistricting right now. And most recently I have gone through the process with our policy 6010. We have introduced four plans to the Board of Education to address redistricting in our county. The Board of Education is taking all of that under advisement and they will develop a fifth plan through a process of community engagement. Unfortunately the issues of redistricting have not been addressed at the levels of which we need it to, and our initial plan had us moving 9,000 young people.

As a result of the advancement of our high school from our County Executive, the recommendation right now is to slow down the redistrict -- the high school, but ultimately the Board of Education will have the final plan. At the same time we are introducing innovation into our planning process by establishing additional programs in our school that are under capacity and

requesting to move students out of those schools based upon programmatic needs. We hope to expend our dual credit enrollment for both college and career readiness.

So in conclusion I want to say that it is a good day in Howard County. There's great progress occurring and we're very proud of our student body and the growth of which -- and the performance of which they have achieved. I want to thank this body for the support of which they have provided and you can view us as a true partner in using our dollars judiciously to get the very best for our students in Howard County. Thank you for your attention.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well, Doctor, thank you and you certainly seem like a breath of fresh air, and I want to congratulate you on the work that you've been doing, and particularly trying to address some of the challenges that you inherited, especially with respect to the indoor air quality and I'm glad to see some of your top priorities are replacing roofs and some of the building envelopes.

I want to make a comment about the team you have now standing before us here. To have the County Executive, the County Council, the School Board, your representatives to Annapolis all here shows a big difference from in years past where there seemed to be some contention back and forth, and we don't need to get into all of that, but I just think it's great that you have a team standing here and working together and trying to improve things. So thank you for your efforts and I want to thank everybody for working together.

Mr. County Executive Kittleman, would you like to say something?

COUNTY EXECUTIVE KITTLEMAN: If I could, Governor, Comptroller, and Madam Treasurer, it's very good to see you again. Nice to be back in Annapolis for a while.

I just thought it was important for me to be here today, along with the other elected officials to show that we are working together. We are together in Howard County like I don't think we have been in a long time, and I wanted to make sure you understood that, that I am all in with the School Board and the Superintendent on their proposals.

The 13th high school is a huge deal for Howard County. As you've heard, we have a great need for that 13th high school, and I've agreed to try to accelerate that. The County Council hopefully will agree when the capital budget comes in next spring, but we also need the help from the State to get that moved forward. So I'm really asking for that, because we don't want to disrupt our communities and our families, and especially the high school students. But they're in their freshman year, or sophomore year. The last thing they want to do is go to a different high school to finish out their time, so we want the best we can to keep those communities together.

Also, I just wanted to bring up also the fact that, you know, last year's capital budget, we put \$44 million from Howard County and over \$21

million from the State. So I appreciate what you do for us every year. You have been so supportive of Howard County. We want to continue that relationship with you. But I also want you to know that Howard County is going to pay our share, as well, and we want to continue to do that but we want to do it in cooperation with you.

The last thing I want to bring up is I know there is some talk about an IAC recommendation to do some reductions, and I know there's like a one percent suggestion in Howard County and we would really ask the Board not to approve that. You know, one percent might not sound like a lot, but when you have that over years it could be a new roof or it could be an HVAC system or something else that we need versus renovation. So I would urge the Board to consider that.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Mr. County Exec. Would anybody from the Council or the School Board or either of our Delegates --

MR. WEINSTEIN: Yes, Governor, thank you very much. Jon Weinstein, Chair of the Council, and also one of the representatives that represents the area where the overcrowded high schools are.

I'm not going to repeat what you've heard. I'm in full agreement with the condition that we're trying to address with the solution of a new high school. I'm fully supportive of that. We have great students and great schools, but there's an impact of the crowding that takes place in those schools and this

high school will address significant challenges that we will face as we continue to grow.

We're a little bit of a victim of our own success. Howard County is a great place to live and a lot of people in the state and out of the state are coming to live --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: It's a great place to live and a big part of that is the great schools.

MR. WEINSTEIN: It is, absolutely, and so we want to keep that all in place. So thank you very much for your time and your consideration of our request.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Delegate?

DELEGATE FLANAGAN: Hammond High School is also in renovation in the future and you might know that school a little bit because your children have been there.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Absolutely. Hammond High.

DELEGATE FLANAGAN: And the Lieutenant Governor's children attended there, so we want to thank you --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Two of my daughters and the Lieutenant Governor's kids all went to Hammond High.

TREASURER KOPP: I have a feeling someone over here did, too.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I shouldn't probably say this in a public forum but my daughter, Jaymi, had a big-time crush on the Lieutenant Governor's son. Probably still does.

DELEGATE FLANAGAN: Well, the cat's out of the bag on that one, Governor. It's been a pleasure, Governor Hogan, working with you for the last -- I heard you say exactly two and three-quarter years.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

DELEGATE FLANAGAN: I go back a little farther with the Comptroller, Peter Franchot, and Nancy Kopp, Treasurer. In fact I've got a T-shirt at home that says "Socially Responsible and Fiscally Prudent," which goes back to when we served with Jim Rawlings and I know from that experience both of you are very focused on preserving and promoting high quality of education. Thank you for your longstanding service.

And just to comment, I know some of the Delegates and Senators have been going off on a tangent. We have a virtuous cycle in Maryland where we promote quality education and the result is as the Governor mentioned people who have business and really thriving businesses want to locate their businesses in Maryland, and in turn that helps us fund a higher quality of education, and that there are a lot of businesses that we want to recruit and retain. I know Amazon is on your mind, and I think it's a great thing that we have a lot of different competitors for locating and a lot of options for locating Amazon in the State of

Maryland. But Howard County is right in the center, and no matter where they think of locating in Maryland and it's going to be Maryland, there are going to be -- it's going to be a positive thing that we have such a high quality of education in Howard County. So your support would be very much appreciated.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Delegate.

MS. VAILLANCOURT: Cindy Vaillancourt, Chairman of the Board of Education. We appreciate all of what you all do, and I would just like to do a shout-out to our new IAC, Ted, because the sentiment and some of the ideas coming out of that department are very exciting to all of us and we're really looking forward to working more closely with you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. We have a much better working relationship with him, as well. Thank you. Delegate?

DELEGATE ATTERBEARY: Thank you, Governor, Comptroller Franchot, Treasurer Kopp. I just want to say as a native Howard Countian who went to Appleton -- go Raiders -- and I have not been around as long as my colleague, Delegate Flanagan --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Very few people have.

(Laughter.)

DELEGATE ATTERBEARY: But I do want to agree with everything that's been said including Delegate Flanagan in terms of Amazon, but we appreciate all of your support that you have shown Howard County these past

years in terms of our education system and everything that we've been going through. It is a breath of fresh air in Howard County, and you can see with all of us standing up here we all join forces when it comes to our children and when it comes to education system. We all support that. And so I just wanted to thank you for all of your support for our county.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much, Delegate. Any questions?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. I just wanted to underscore again Dr. Martirano. By not sweeping these problems under the rug, you've done a huge favor to all of us because the controversies were never, you know, necessary in my view, and I think the County Executive and the Chair of the Council and Jen Terrasa and the Delegates -- Delegate Flanagan and Atterbeary, we all love a good fight when it's deserved. But that one was, I think, a bit of a curveball and we didn't really need it, and the fact that you were able to come in to a difficult tense situation and deal with it with a transparent and accountable and open government, boy, thank you for doing that.

DR. MARTIRANO: Thank you very much, and thank you for your support, Board of Public Works. I really appreciate it.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: Could I just say I would be remiss if I didn't say that it's a pleasure to see Flanagan and Kittleman, and as you have

heard, I believe it's becoming increasingly clear -- first of all we need to do something to get the right staff -- maintenance, construction that we have -- this is a problem statewide. We have heard it from almost every jurisdiction, and the wise people in Howard County I think may have some answers that we could use statewide. It's something we all have to -- and second is, the needs are outrunning our funds and we have to figure out a way to fund so we can invest for the future, and I hope all of you folks who are so dedicated to it and so wise will help us do that, too.

I know some of you -- we may not agree on everything, but there's no doubt we agree on that. There's got to be some innovative way of funding good schools that will last and will be practical to maintain.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much, and County Executive Kittleman, thank you for joining us. We appreciate that. We have back-to-back County Executives have actually come down.

So next up we have Anne Arundel County, and County Executive Schuh. Thank you. Good afternoon.

MR. ARLOTTO: Good afternoon, Governor Hogan, Treasurer Kopp, and Comptroller Franchot. I'm George Arlotto, Superintendent of Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and I'm joined today by our Chief Operating Officer Alex Szachnowicz and our County Executive Steve Schuh, as well as other supporters from Anne Arundel County.

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As a county we continue to use a balanced and targeted approach to our capital budget request and capital improvement plan. With our latest independently produced and externally validated Strategic Facilities Master Plan, our Educational Facilities Master Plan, and the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan we are able to formulate our needs and resources and our prioritized data-driven working plan that closely integrates our capital improvements and maintenance activities. It also reflects our ongoing efforts to address our education mission, goals, and programs over the coming decade.

We, along with our local government, are dedicated to and focused on the strategic implementation of this balanced plan. As with any plan there can be challenges, such as ongoing enrollment growth, regulatory and environmental compliance costs in a county that has approximately 520 miles of shoreline, and like other LEAs, availability of resources. We work closely with our partners in county government to try to mitigate those consequences of these challenges.

With the support of our County Executive and County Council, additional funds were recently made available by extending the local bond duration for public school construction from 20 years to 30 years. We undertake detailed feasibility studies on each major project to ensure that the renovation versus replacement decision point is fully vetted.

We routinely use prototype designs for replacement schools. We configure renovations to maximize the use of an existing footprint, and we utilize

sound life cycle costing, value engineering techniques, and proven project delivery methods to drive decision making and ensure the public receives effective and efficient end products.

Each funding request we receive helps improve our overall facilities condition index score and extends the useful life of our assets addressing continued enrollment growth and reduces the ever growing backlog of projects while allowing us to balance the resources that we have available.

We appreciate your continued support over the years and look forward to your favorable review and approval of our CIP.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Mr. County Executive, good to see you.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE SCHUH: Thank you, Governor. Good afternoon to you and to Treasurer Kopp. Comptroller Franchot, nice to see you and the members of the committee, particularly Secretary Salmon. Nice to see you on this day when we're here to talk about education.

As Dr. Arlotto said, we're very proud of our school system here in Anne Arundel County and we want to do everything we can to make it a great school system for every one of the 82,000 children who attend our schools. I pledge that my administration will do everything we can to support Anne Arundel County schools, and I believe Dr. Arlotto and I have formed a really strong working relationship that will advance that overall effort.

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We continue to find areas of partnership and collaboration, as evidenced by the recently approved ten year plan for school construction that will expand the number of schools and reduce average enrollment per school, particularly at the high school level.

As I think each of you knows, Anne Arundel County has the highest average enrollment of any school system in the state, which is very disturbing and inconsistent with great academic outcomes. Let me also add that our public schools have walked hand-in-hand with us in the battle against racism, discrimination, drug abuse, and addiction.

With regard to the capital construction program, the infrastructure backlog that we have is no secret and others have their own backlogs with which to deal. But our county has stepped up its efforts thanks to our expanded capital financing program supported by the 30-year bond program that the Superintendent just mentioned. We'll be investing more than a billion dollars over the next ten years on school construction, including \$650 million on high school construction alone.

I know there are competing needs across the State. I'm here to stand with Dr. Arlotto, our board, and our employees. And Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, since Anne Arundel County is well known to you, you know many of the problems very well that we have, and no doubt have seen many of them first-hand.

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My administration is committed to doing everything it can to maximize every dollar that we receive, and I mean that. I got to say, our staff works really, really hard to make the dollars go as far as they can go. We are, in fact, working on bringing on an engineering firm who will work with us, not only on school projects but on all major capital projects and value engineer each and every project just as they do in the private sector. So, we're very excited about that initiative.

And our taxpayers deserve that. They deserve to have us scrutinize every dollar. That goes for school construction, as well, and I certainly appreciate your consideration of our request this afternoon. Thank you very much for having me.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Mr. County Executive, and thank you for taking the time to be here with us. Any questions for Anne Arundel County?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, I just wanted to say -- I want to thank the County Executive, also, because I think he runs a tight ship, and personally I appreciate that.

And I also want to thank the Superintendent because I think this system is really well run. You mentioned that the county obviously like every jurisdiction has got problems, but here's the difference between Anne Arundel and rest of the counties. You have the solution, and he's standing right behind

you -- Alex Szachnowicz, who is -- the frequently praised Alex Szachnowicz who is currently making all sorts of contributions to the 21st century school facilities commission and he's proposed a number of changes to make this capital process more efficient, more effective for all of us, and thank you both for employing him, and if you ever feel generous, loan him to us for a while.

MR. ARLOTTO: Not a chance.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Thank you for joining us.

TREASURER KOPP: Mr. County Executive, I thank you. Do you have some numbers -- can you get us numbers on the impact of the bond life extension -- the term extension? How much it bought you over --

COUNTY EXECUTIVE SCHUH: Yes, I'd be delighted to get that information to you. Interestingly, there were no repercussions whatsoever with the rating agencies. What we did was look at our debt service and we were issuing at the time a 15-year bond and found that we could extend the life of our bonds and by lengthening the payback period, wind up with no more annual debt service than we had had, but we were able to increase the capital program by about -- I want to say 25 percent. And I think it's well worth other jurisdictions and even the State, perhaps, to consider it, and, no, there were no repercussions whatsoever with the rating agencies.

TREASURER KOPP: I would love to see some numbers on that.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE SCHUH: Delighted to show you.

TREASURER KOPP: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE SCHUH: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well, I'd just like to thank all of the superintendents, the local school boards, the elected officials for coming in today, the citizens who came to testify, and I want you to know that your input will be valuable as we formulate our capital budget.

We still have one final item before us, that's Item 7, the Revised State and Local Cost Share Percentages, as proposed by the IAC. From testimony we've heard today I have some concerns about the proposal. Several school systems would be harmed by this IAC proposal and I believe that we should hold these systems harmless for the next year.

There are two Legislative commissions currently studying the formulas that drive the cost share percentages and they are set to present recommendations to the Legislature for the upcoming Legislative session, setting the percentages for three years when the Legislature is likely to alter how they are formulated will, I think, create some instability for the local school systems and their capital programs, and I would motion that we amend the recommendation submitted to us by the IAC to set those State and local cost share percentages for

FY 2019 only, and hold harmless the nine counties that would see a decrease in their State cost share percentages for Fiscal Year 2019.

Is there a second?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Second.

TREASURER KOPP: Second.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: The motion passes, three-zero.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Could I make a comment, because I think this a very significant step that we're taking as a Board. I think it underscores the importance that we place on education, and the fact that we believe in, I guess, addition rather than subtraction. And I understand the formulas and the need for them to sort things out, but as the Treasurer has said so often, we need more rather than less, and I applaud the motion by the Governor and I strongly support it.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Before we adjourn, I just want to thank Secretary McDonald and her staff at the BPW, our own staff, the Treasurer and Comptroller's staff and everybody for all their hard work, along with the hard work of the IAC and Bob Gorrell. We want to thank you for all your great work. Superintendent Salmon, and even the Department of General Services, we want to thank you, as well.

So I want to thank everybody for all of their efforts today, and it was a long day but I think it was productive and helpful and we appreciate all the hard work.

MR. GORRELL: Mr. Governor, if I could have the privilege, I want to recognize Joan and Trina and our two maintenance assessors, and the phenomenal work they did to bring this all in on time.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well, I really especially want to give a shout out and thank you to you on behalf of the taxpayers because this was something we were pretty concerned about, having reports that were late, and you guys stepped up. Please stand up so we can applaud you.

(Applause.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Mr. Gorrell, are these people that actually -- or do they just oversee the maintenance reports or do you actually do them? Come on up here, please.

But seriously, I really applaud your efforts and I speak about you all over the State as being skeptical and professional but also fair, and so just keep it up. It's enormously helpful to us at this level to be able to get these reports and keep everyone's feet to the fire. Thank you.

(Whereupon, at 5:55 p.m. the meeting was concluded.)