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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: The Board will come
3 to order. First, before we ask Louie what -- anything
4 else on the agenda, I'd like to just reiterate
5 something that I said, and a letter was sent out
6 implying that the Board of Public Works and procurement
7 system was under attack that there was some erroneous
8 effort and some erroneous actions by the Board. I said
9 that time and I say it again, there has been nothing
10 that was wrong that we've done, not with Lucy Maurer
11 and Louie Goldstein on the Board.

12 I'm very pleased that the only fault that
13 they found was with the law itself that the Legislature
14 had been instrumental in passing. There was no
15 favoritism, there was no illegal action, and it doesn't
16 surprise me that that's what they found. Remember,
17 everybody was all ready to prove that the Board was
18 doing things in the wrong way.

19 We'll get the full report and we'll put the
20 report in the record, but I was very pleased at the
21 outcome of the investigation. The Legislature ought to

1 be commended, because that was a popular thing to try
2 to find something wrong with public officials. It's
3 very nice to get your name in the paper, but it also
4 damages the credibility of government; and you won't
5 see the same publicity on the findings as you did on
6 the letters and the editorials that "better look into
7 the procurement system of the Board of Public Works."
8 I'd like to see the editorial saying that we were wrong
9 -- they were wrong.

10 And, incidentally, The Sun paper hasn't been
11 too bad lately. I can't understand it, but I think
12 maybe that lady, the new publisher, understands that a
13 newspaper is not to be an instrument to injure the
14 state and local government but is to help them on
15 things they're right doing. And I really am pleased to
16 be able to say I hope The Sun won't continue to
17 descend; I hope it will start to continue to rise.

18 Okay. What's next?

19 MS. REYNOLD: Good morning. Governor,
20 members of the Board, we have a very short agenda
21 before we take the school construction hearings. If I

1 might, we'll start with the Secretary's Agenda. We
2 have only five items. We'll hold Item Number 3 for
3 school construction. And I believe the Treasurer would
4 like to talk about Item Number 5, the bond sale.

5 MS. MAURER: If you have no items before
6 that, I would like a separate vote, if you please, on
7 the bond sale. The next bond sale is February 16.
8 There would be 120,000,000 of the bonds that have never
9 been issued before and up to 80,000,000 for advance
10 refunding. We do not know whether there will be that
11 amount precisely of bonds for advance refunding. It
12 depends upon the market, but if you allow that much, we
13 will the day of the bond sale have precise figures for
14 you.

15 And I move the adoption of the resolution of
16 the bond sale on February 16.

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I second the motion.

18 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: No objection. So
19 ordered.

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I move we approve the rest of
21 the agenda.

1 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: No objection. So
2 ordered. What's next?

3 MS. REYNOLD: Budget and Fiscal Planning.

4 MR. ROWLAND: We have seven items on the
5 agenda today. The secretary wants to make a change in
6 Item 6.

7 MR. BENTON: Part two of Item 6, in reference
8 to the proposed salary of the data processing director
9 for the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, I
10 would like to change that to step four of Executive
11 Salary Plan 6, and the amount will be 75,968.

12 This position is filled by a Paul Leuba, who
13 has been very aggressive and innovative in bringing
14 modern technology to the criminal justice information
15 system, which would include recently bringing the
16 Maryland automated fingerprint identification system on
17 line, data security. We're now constructing a central
18 booking system in the City of Baltimore, which is
19 expected to be on line about January, and he has
20 already designed the system to accommodate the central
21 booking. He was instrumental in bringing about the

1 video bail hearings. All of these are saving
2 considerable amounts of money in addition to
3 modernizing the technical aspects of the law
4 enforcement system. He's been very highly recommended.
5 He's a valued member of the Information Technology
6 Board and in charge of the Committee on Criminal
7 Justice Systems, and I think he is deserving of the
8 increase as originally proposed by the department and
9 the Department of Personnel.

10 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Okay. Thank you.

11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: All right. I move that we
12 approve the agenda with that amendment.

13 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: No objection. So
14 ordered. What's next?

15 MS. REYNOLD: University of Maryland.

16 MR. STAFFORD: Good morning. I'm Ken
17 Stafford. University of Maryland has one item on the
18 agenda this morning. Be glad to answer any questions.

19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Governor, this is a very
20 small lease. I move we approve the University of
21 Maryland Agenda.

1 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: No objection. So
2 ordered. What's next?

3 MS. MAURER: I just might point out that this
4 is under an expedited authority delegation given in '89
5 to the university, and this is because they had
6 received a federal grant and that the federal grant,
7 the use of it, requires incubator space for 12 small
8 businesses, and so they had to get quickly space.

9 This is an example of the fact that they went
10 around to different places to check prices and space,
11 but the expedited permitted them to make use of the
12 federal grant in a timely fashion.

13 MR. STAFFORD: That's correct.

14 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Fine. Thank you.

15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I move we approve it.

16 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: No objection. So
17 ordered. What's next?

18 MS. REYNOLD: General Services.

19 MR. WALSH: We have one hand-carried item
20 which is an expedited procurement request to make
21 maintenance repairs of an air conditioning system at

1 the Maryland Rehabilitation Center. This item has been
2 made available to the Board already.

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I move we approve it.

4 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: No objection. So
5 ordered. What's next?

6 MS. REYNOLD: We'd like to return to
7 Secretary's Item Number 3. Dr. Stenzler.

8 DR. STENZLER: Good morning. Thank you.
9 Governor Schaefer, Comptroller Goldstein, Treasurer
10 Maurer, my name is Yale Stenzler. I'm the executive
11 director for the Interagency Committee on School
12 Construction.

13 We're here today to present the Interagency
14 Committee on School Construction's recommendations to
15 the Board for the FY '95 Capital Improvement Program on
16 school construction in the amount of \$81,000,000.

17 This program consists of \$70,000,000 which
18 has been recommended within the new bond authorization,
19 \$5,000,000 in pay-go funds, and \$6,000,000 from our
20 statewide contingency account.

21 In December, appeals were made to the

1 Interagency Committee by 20 jurisdictions. They were
2 asking for state funds for planning for construction
3 projects, systemic renovations, movement of relocatable
4 classroom buildings, pre-kindergarten additions and,
5 also, science projects.

6 The committee has recommended \$42.3 million
7 to you. This includes 17 construction projects, 23
8 systemic renovation projects, 10 "Look of the Future"
9 projects, 34 pre-kindergarten projects, and nine
10 relocatable projects.

11 We've also submitted to you a supplemental
12 recommendation for five additional "Look of the Future"
13 science projects. This brings the total number in this
14 category to 15 projects, for 56 science labs, at a
15 total cost of \$3.39 million.

16 Therefore, there's approximately \$37.6
17 million available in the contingency for you to work
18 with to address the appeals that you hear today. We've
19 attempted to distribute the resources to the highest
20 priority projects, recognizing both local priorities as
21 well as our state priorities and the criteria which you

1 are familiar with.

2 We've also recommended a list of planning
3 projects which, coupled with the projects that have
4 previously been approved, comes to 40 projects which
5 total about \$100,000,000.

6 You'll hear appeals today from 17
7 jurisdictions. We've allowed approximately 10 minutes
8 for each of those presentations. I should add that the
9 program that you have before you incorporates many of
10 the recommendations that were made by the Governor's
11 Task Force on School Construction, and there are two
12 top new categories that are funded within this proposal
13 as part of the CIP program; and, that is, the pre-
14 kindergarten program as well as the high school science
15 facility projects.

16 I should also mention that there are one or
17 two projects within the CIP that are specifically in
18 there to address the base realignment at the Naval
19 Patuxent Station in Southern Maryland.

20 If you have any questions, I'd be glad to
21 answer them now; otherwise, we can get on with the

1 presentations. I've also given you a handout which
2 shows the funding that school systems have received
3 from the state over the past eight years, including
4 this year's CIP up to this point. Again, those figures
5 do reflect amendments to the CIP during the year. The
6 figures do not, however, reflect reductions that were
7 made when projects came in under budget.

8 If you have any questions, I'd be glad to
9 respond to them now.

10 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Just what is the total
11 money the state has spent on school construction?

12 DR. STENZLER: Over \$5.6 million dollars in
13 the last eight-year period.

14 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Five point --

15 DR. STENZLER: I'm sorry, \$561,000,000.

16 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Over five years?

17 DR. STENZLER: Over a eight-year period.

18 Those are state funds, yes.

19 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: They're state funds.

20 Okay. Thank you. Another great job you're doing.

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: What's the total that's been

1 spent since 1970/'71 since we started this program?

2 DR. STENZLER: Over two billion dollars.

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Over two billion dollars.

4 DR. STENZLER: Yes. And that does not
5 include -- the two billion dollar figure is the
6 principal, does not include the interest on those
7 funds. In addition to that, the state assumed about
8 \$755,000,000 of local debt that had been issued prior
9 to 1967, and that's almost entirely paid off.

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Very few times you ever
11 mention the fact we assumed 750,000,000 of bonds that
12 have been sold by local subdivisions, that we paid off.

13 DR. STENZLER: Correct.

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Is that included in the over
15 two billion dollars?

16 DR. STENZLER: That is not included in --

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Not included in that.

18 DR. STENZLER: No.

19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: So, it's almost about three
20 billion when you add that up.

21 DR. STENZLER: Yes. And, if you add the

1 interest on the two billion dollars, it becomes a
2 significantly higher figure as well.

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's the figure I've been
4 using around the state.

5 DR. STENZLER: Yes.

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Most folks don't realize how
7 much money we have paid off on bonds issued by the 24
8 local subdivisions.

9 DR. STENZLER: Yes.

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That it's all part of the
11 program.

12 DR. STENZLER: Absolutely.

13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Thank you.

14 DR. STENZLER: Okay. The first county is
15 Anne Arundel County.

16 MR. BECKETT: Good morning, Governor
17 Schaefer, Mr. Goldstein, Mrs. Maurer. I'm Ron Beckett,
18 assistant superintendent of Anne Arundel County Public
19 Schools. It is a pleasure to be here again this
20 morning. This marks my --

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Excuse me. Do you have a

1 copy of your statement you can give us?

2 MR. BECKETT: I do not. I'll provide one,
3 sir. I don't have one.

4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It makes it much easier if
5 they'll give us a copy of the statement, so we can
6 follow what you're saying.

7 MR. BECKETT: Yes, sir.

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: But you don't have it?

9 MR. BECKETT: I don't, no, sir.

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. All right.

11 MR. BECKETT: Accompanying me today and in
12 support of the Anne Arundel County Public Schools'
13 request are Dr. Carol Parham, acting superintendent; a
14 number of members from the Anne Arundel County
15 legislative delegation, Senator Jimeno, Senator Cade,
16 Delegates Busch, Cadden, Kolodziejewski, Astle, and
17 Sophocleus; and from the county government, Councilman
18 Diane Evans.

19 Before getting into the presentation, I'd
20 like to take a moment to express our appreciation for
21 the continuing cooperation and support of Dr. Stenzler

1 and the IAC staff. They've been very helpful in
2 assisting us work through a number of difficult
3 problems this year.

4 In addition, I wish to express our gratitude
5 for the projects which the IAC has recommended for
6 approval for Anne Arundel County. Unfortunately, our
7 needs are growing faster than our ability to meet them.
8 Our facilities continue to age and deteriorate.

9 Adding to our problems is the fact that a
10 great many people, including most recently Jack Kent
11 Cooke, have discovered that Anne Arundel County is a
12 great place to work and live. The result is a rapidly
13 growing student population that is expected to increase
14 by an additional 9,000 students by the end of this
15 decade. These additional students will be shoehorned
16 into a system that, as we speak, has 42 schools over
17 capacity.

18 A number of people in our delegation this
19 morning wish to speak, so I shall be brief. We're here
20 today to seek your help in addressing our problems.
21 Specifically, we're here to ask for your consideration

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1 and approval of three additional projects: Park
2 Elementary School, Broadneck High School, and Andover
3 Middle School.

4 Park Elementary School: The IAC has
5 recommended planning approval for this project. We're
6 here this morning seeking construction funding as well.
7 Park is a 50-year-old facility which has not aged well.
8 Its deficiencies are numerous and very severe. I know
9 that Mr. Goldstein has visited this school and is very
10 much aware of its needs. We intend to build a larger
11 replacement school on this same site. The county
12 government is very supportive of this project.
13 Planning funds have been provided, and we'll be ready
14 to go on 1 July. We ask your support.

15 The second project is Broadneck High School.
16 We're seeking planning approval for this project.
17 Broadneck High School with a current capacity of 1,400
18 students houses only grades 10 through 12. I think
19 it's one of the few remaining high schools in the state
20 with a 10 through 12 configuration. We plan to add 800
21 additional seats, which will allow the 9th grade to

1 attend the school and enjoy the full high school
2 experience and curriculum. In addition, this project
3 will permit us to return students from the Belvedere
4 community who are currently bused to an adjacent high
5 school. This is a long overdue project.

6 Our last project is Andover Middle School.
7 The Andover Middle School project is the second of
8 three secondary projects aimed at resolving problems in
9 the northern part of the county. We opened North
10 County High School, which was phase one, in September.
11 It is a terrific facility, and I would invite you to
12 visit this school to see firsthand what state dollars
13 are providing. Andover is a former high school that we
14 are renovating and converting to a middle school. The
15 project is critical to our long-range plan to move the
16 sixth graders from the elementary schools into the
17 middle school, in the middle school curriculum. This
18 project has been forward funded by the county
19 government and is currently underway. We're asking for
20 planning approval for this project.

21 I know that throughout the hearings today

1 you'll hear about a great many worthy projects. I know
2 the choices are difficult, and I know your resources
3 are limited, but we need your help on these critical
4 projects so that we can move forward.

5 Thank you for your attention and
6 consideration. I'll be followed by Senator Jimeno,
7 Delegate Cadden, and Councilwoman Evans. Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. MAURER: One question. Could you put for
9 the record why you believe that you would be able to
10 complete construction in the same year that planning
11 money is available for Park?

12 MR. BECKETT: Well, the county provided
13 planning money last year. So, we have had the
14 opportunity to move forward with that project, some
15 planning.

16 MS. MAURER: So, this would be the planning
17 money already committed --

18 MR. BECKETT: Yeah.

19 MS. MAURER: Reimburses the county for the
20 planning, and July 1 --

21 MR. BECKETT: Well, I don't believe -- I

1 believe, and Dr. Stenzler can answer this better, but I
2 believe with planning approval, which has been granted
3 by the -- or which is recommended by the IAC, does not
4 bring any dollars, any planning dollars with it. I
5 think it is recognition of the project by the state.

6 DR. STENZLER: It's not a reimbursement of
7 the planning funds.

8 MS. MAURER: But do you agree that this is
9 ready to go to bid on July 1?

10 DR. STENZLER: It probably would be ready to
11 go to bid July 1 or shortly thereafter.

12 MR. BECKETT: That's right.

13 MS. MAURER: Okay.

14 MR. BECKETT: Thank you.

15 MR. JIMENO: Governor Schaefer, Comptroller
16 Goldstein, Treasurer Maurer, I'm Phil Jimeno, chairman
17 of the Anne Arundel County Senate delegation. You have
18 in your file correspondence from the Anne Arundel
19 County senators supporting all three projects. We're
20 just extremely grateful to the generous support that
21 the state has always provided to Anne Arundel County

1 School System. This has been matched by the strong
2 support from Anne Arundel County local government.

3 We, therefore, on behalf of the Anne Arundel
4 County senators, urge your favorable consideration of
5 these projects. Thank you.

6 With me today is Senator Cade, also Senator
7 Winegrad, and Senators Wagner and Fowler are not able
8 to be with us, but we thank you.

9 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you.

10 MS. CADDEN: Good morning, Governor Schaefer,
11 Comptroller Goldstein and Treasurer Maurer. I'm Joan
12 Cadden, and I chair the Education Subcommittee for the
13 delegation, and you have received correspondence from
14 the delegation, the entire delegation supporting the
15 Anne Arundel County Board of Education's appeal on
16 these three projects.

17 I am here speaking for the delegation, on
18 behalf of the delegation, to ask you to approve of
19 those appeals. Many of my colleagues, as you see, are
20 here today because we do strongly support the Board of
21 Education's stand on these appeals.

1 We would also like to thank the IAC for the
2 projects that they have approved for us over the years,
3 not just this year, and like to just personally thank
4 the Comptroller for taking time to come out to Park and
5 visit and take a tour of the school.

6 Of course, my colleagues with me today are
7 Delegate Busch, Delegate Astle, Delegate Kolodziejcki,
8 Delegate Sophocleus, and Delegate Mary Ann Love. We
9 have from the County Council with us -- representing is
10 Councilwoman Evans.

11 MS. EVANS: Good morning, Governor Schaefer,
12 Mr. Goldstein, Mrs. Maurer. I'm Diane Evans and I'm
13 the councilperson from the Fifth District.

14 You'll hear this morning some facts and
15 figures necessary for re-evaluating the decision made
16 by the IAC which denied planning approval for the
17 expansion of Broadneck High School; and, rather than
18 reiterating the presentation of others, I'm here as the
19 representative of well over 20,000 constituents,
20 hundreds who now have children in Broadneck High School
21 and thousands who will be sending their children there

1 in the future, and on their behalf I respectfully ask
2 the Board of Public Works to overturn the decision of
3 the IAC and agree to recognize the expansion of
4 Broadneck High School for planning approval.

5 I think the expansion of Broadneck is a good
6 investment, and it's a good investment in human
7 capital. The school has the formula for success. It
8 has caring and support of parents, dedicated, creative,
9 and award-winning faculty members and staff, clearly
10 defined educational goals, focused students who
11 graduate with some of the highest grade point averages
12 in the county, a student body that boasts the lion's
13 share or some of the lion's share of scholarship
14 monies, and a community that wholeheartedly supports
15 Broadneck with not only their time but their dollars.

16 And, as I'm sure you know, 14 years ago,
17 Broadneck was built for around 1,200 students; and, at
18 the time, the population projections demanded about
19 1,800. County planners and officials designed the
20 Broadneck area for growth and, indeed, it has come; but
21 what was predicted 14 years ago has come true.

1 Broadneck is too small to handle the projected
2 enrollments. Registration at the school fast
3 approaches the state capacity guidelines. The ninth
4 grade is housed elsewhere, and program equity issues
5 continue to plague the community.

6 If Broadneck must endure protracted double
7 sessions, I fear the gradual disintegration of one of
8 the premiere high schools in Anne Arundel County, and I
9 think it's an investment we can't afford to lose.

10 Sooner or later, Broadneck needs to be
11 enlarged, and the fact that the Anne Arundel County
12 School Board moved this project from last to number
13 four in one year, I think, speaks to its eminent
14 necessity.

15 To all of you this morning, the provision of
16 quality education, I know, is a cornerstone of your
17 administration; and, on behalf of the 20,000 citizens
18 who reside on the Broadneck Peninsula, I respectfully
19 ask that the Board overturn the decision of the IAC and
20 recognize the expansion of Broadneck for planning
21 approval for this coming fiscal year. Thank you very

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1 much. I do have copies, if you'd care to have them.

2 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you very much.

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

4 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: I don't think the
5 planning board wanted to turn you down. They just
6 don't have the money; and, if we had the money, we'd be
7 glad to do it. And I'm sure that when the members of
8 the Legislature look at my budget, they'll just pass it
9 automatically because it's a good budget, well thought
10 out, not too much spending in it. And so, when you
11 come and ask me for more money, I will be asking you
12 for support to support those little old projects that
13 are in there to help us all.

14 MR. CADE: Governor, since you threw that
15 bait out, I wasn't going to say anything, but I would
16 like to --

17 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: I would like to hear from
18 you. You're a good man.

19 MR. CADE: I would like to remind the
20 honorable Governor and the Board that the General
21 Assembly with the support of the Anne Arundel

1 delegation cut way back on the pork projects last year
2 and put an additional \$20,000,000 in the budget for
3 school construction, and we're going to be pushing to
4 do the same thing this year. I serve on the Capital
5 Budget Committee, and let me assure you we're going to
6 be pushing for those funds. So, as far as I'm
7 concerned, the funds are going to be there.

8 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Well, let me put it this
9 way. What you think is pork I may not think is pork.

10 MR. CADE: No, I'm talking about the --

11 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Talking about the term
12 about using "pork," this is pork on the Eastern Shore
13 when we put a lot of money into Anne Arundel County. I
14 don't want to get into a debate on that, but we don't
15 put projects in with the idea of pork. We put them in
16 because there's a need. And, when you cut that
17 20,000,000, I think we allocated it towards school
18 construction.

19 Remember, we put in, the state -- and you've
20 been here this whole time -- a couple billion dollars
21 in school construction, picked up the bonds and picked

1 up all this, and so --

2 MR. CADE: I don't want the Governor to
3 misunderstand my meaning. When I say "pork projects,"
4 I'm referring to the so-called legislative projects
5 that are reserved in the budget, usually somewhere
6 around \$15,000,000, and we reduced those substantially
7 in order to make way for school construction.

8 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Well, I commend you for
9 that.

10 MS. MAURER: That's the legislative window.

11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: He's talking about --

12 MR. CADE: That's usually what people refer
13 to as "pork," the Legislature.

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: He's talking about
15 legislative pork, not executive.

16 (Laughter.)

17 MR. CADE: Obviously, we would never
18 characterize the Governor's --

19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: There are two kinds of pork:
20 kosher pork and unkosher pork.

21 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: You know, we oughtn't

1 joke about this.

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: No.

3 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: The citizens look at us
4 in a way that we just spend money for the sake of
5 spending it, and I don't find that. I find just the
6 opposite. I find this Board -- found out that we were
7 not doing things illegally or wrong, and I appreciate
8 what you did, Jack. I think you wouldn't let that get
9 out of hand. I really appreciate that.

10 And, second of all, it isn't the good that
11 you do. We spend a couple billion dollars on school
12 construction, and it seems like the general public gets
13 an idea we just spend it for the sake of spending it.
14 You know, school construction means a whole lot of jobs
15 in addition to helping the kids.

16 MR. CADE: Yes, sir.

17 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: We're extremely
18 sympathetic as to building schools, and we're going to
19 try. If the money comes there, we'll see what we can
20 do.

21 MR. CADE: I appreciate that, Governor. The

1 only other thing I'd like to say is you know that we
2 haven't been too many times to the well, so I hope you
3 would consider that.

4 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: No, I --

5 MR. BECKETT: Individually and as a
6 delegation, our primary requests have been in the areas
7 of education.

8 MS. MAURER: Could you help me and give me
9 the figures for Park, the construction for Park?

10 MS. CADDEN: The request is for \$1.3 million.

11 MS. MAURER: And that's for Park. And
12 planning money is --

13 MR. BECKETT: Local.

14 MS. MAURER: Local.

15 MS. CADDEN: Planning money is local.

16 MS. MAURER: But you just have to figure the
17 cost in the next year.

18 DR. STENZLER: The future year, yes.

19 MS. MAURER: And that would be for Broadneck
20 and Andover. Do you have an estimated figure?

21 DR. STENZLER: For Broadneck, about 2.6; and

1 Andover, about 1.6; but those numbers are subject to
2 review.

3 MS. MAURER: And that's just for the next
4 year.

5 DR. STENZLER: Right.

6 MS. MAURER: Thank you.

7 MR. BECKETT: Thank you.

8 MR. CADE: Thank you very much.

9 MS. CADDEN: Thank you.

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: And Park, we've got 1,700,000
11 for Park?

12 MR. BECKETT: A million three.

13 MS. CADDEN: 1.3.

14 DR. STENZLER: A million one, roughly.

15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It's a million one?

16 DR. STENZLER: Right.

17 MR. BECKETT: Thank you so much.

18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you all.

19 MS. MAURER: Thank you.

20 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Who's next?

21 MS. REYNOLD: Baltimore City is next,

1 Governor.

2 DR. STENZLER: Baltimore City.

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Baltimore City?

4 MS. REYNOLD: Baltimore City.

5 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Hi, Doctor, how are you?

6 MR. AMPREY: Good morning, Governor, how are
7 you? Comptroller Goldstein and Treasurer Maurer, good
8 morning. I'm Walter Amprey, superintendent of schools,
9 the City of Baltimore, the great City of Baltimore.
10 Thank you for this opportunity to appear before you to
11 formally appeal the recommendations of the State
12 Interagency Committee for FY 1995 Capital Improvement
13 Program for Baltimore City Public Schools.

14 The recommendation of the Interagency
15 Committee includes one construction project, which is
16 Thomas Jefferson Elementary School #232, and one roof
17 replacement project, Carver Vocational Technical High
18 School #454. I wish to thank the Interagency Committee
19 staff for their support of these projects and, also,
20 for the science lab funding.

21 Our appeal today includes the remaining

1 Baltimore City Public School projects which were
2 recommended for deferral: the construction of the
3 Ashburton School #58; two systemic improvement
4 projects, roof replacements for Baltimore City College
5 #480 and Samuel F.B. Morse Elementary School #98; and
6 planning approval for Hamilton Elementary School #236.

7 The city has committed 6,000,000 in city bond
8 funds to be used for FY 1995 school construction
9 projects. In addition to this, the city has earmarked
10 an additional 2,000,000 from pay-as-you-go funds to
11 support two construction/renovation projects and three
12 systemic projects.

13 This additional funding is in recognition of
14 the many school buildings that are in overall poor
15 condition and are seriously deteriorating. In fact,
16 beginning with FY 1996, the city will be increasing its
17 local allocation to 8,000,000 in local bond funds while
18 it continues to pursue other alternatives to increase
19 capital funding support.

20 Included in the FY 1995 Capital Improvement
21 Program are all the projects that we're appealing

1 today. Obviously, without the state's matching
2 construction funding support, the city's public school
3 capital program will not be able to go forward as
4 intended.

5 Our appeal for the replacement of Ashburton
6 School #48 -- 58, I'm sorry, is based on the need for a
7 school in that community. I think you all know the
8 planning for Ashburton was initially approved in FY
9 1993, and a preliminary recommendation was made in FY
10 1994 for the construction of Ashburton Elementary
11 School to accommodate only 250 students. However, as a
12 result of our recently completed comprehensive rezoning
13 process, which was arduous at best, a new zone was
14 created for the neighborhoods surrounding Ashburton
15 with an enrollment projection of approximately 700
16 students for grades pre-kindergarten through eighth.

17 The community has been suffering with a
18 facility that was never designed to be used as a public
19 education institution. The Ashburton project is very
20 important to the Baltimore City Public Schools because
21 it will represent our first school to be built on the

1 newly developed curriculum-based facility standards.

2 In essence, it will represent a model for us.

3 As a consequence, many staff within our
4 school system, as well as Dr. Stenzler and his staff,
5 have spent a considerable amount of time working out
6 the questions related to this specific project. The
7 city has allocated the additional amount that is
8 required in order to build this school. In our Capital
9 Improvement Program, we have made the replacement of
10 Ashburton our top priority because of the great need
11 this community has for a new school.

12 Our appeal for the two deferred systemic
13 projects include two roof replacement projects and is
14 based on the urgent need to replace seriously
15 deteriorated roofs at these and many other schools.
16 The age of our schools range from 16 to 65 years. The
17 average age of the roof included in our FY 1995 program
18 is 16 years, which exceeds the average life expectancy
19 for these roofs.

20 The two roofing projects included in our
21 appeal, Samuel F.B. Morse Elementary School #98 and

1 Baltimore City College High School #480, have an
2 average age of 16 years. We have incurred a
3 maintenance expenditure of approximately \$25,400 over a
4 three-year period just to prevent water damage into
5 these buildings.

6 We understand the state's limited ability to
7 meet the present statewide school construction needs,
8 as was just expressed by you, Governor Schaefer.
9 However, our situation is somewhat different from other
10 school jurisdictions in the state, where increasing
11 enrollment has created a need for new schools and
12 additions for existing school buildings. Our situation
13 has a student population that has remained relatively
14 constant over the past several years. Our 10-year
15 projections indicate that we will at least continue to
16 maintain our present enrollment numbers, yet our
17 existing school buildings continue to deteriorate.

18 With an average age for our school facilities
19 in excess of 30 years, many systemic programs and
20 projects such as window replacements, boiler
21 replacements, upgrades to mechanical, electrical and

1 plumbing systems, and roof replacements are required
2 throughout the school system. In addition, we must
3 continue our efforts to address major school building
4 renovations.

5 We are most grateful for the State
6 Interagency Committee's recommendation for approval of
7 FY 1995 construction funding for the Thomas Jefferson
8 Elementary School #232 and the approval of one of our
9 three requested systemic improvement projects. We also
10 want to thank Dr. Yale Stenzler and his staff for their
11 continuing support.

12 We request that you look favorably upon our
13 appeal for FY 1995 construction funding for Ashburton
14 Elementary School specifically, the planning approval
15 for Hamilton Elementary School #236, and the two
16 remaining systemic roof replacement projects.

17 Last year when we came before you to appeal
18 the decision on some of our systemic projects that were
19 requested for FY 1994, you approved funding for all of
20 those schools, and the work will be completed by this
21 coming September 1994. We are grateful to you for all

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1 of the funding provided to support those projects and
2 the many other projects approved in recent years.

3 It is our sincere hope, of course, that you
4 will act favorably on the request that we have before
5 you today, and I thank you for this personal
6 opportunity.

7 I would also like to say that we have city
8 legislators from the 40th and the 41st legislative
9 districts who have been friends of ours in the school
10 system and certainly friends of yours, and I would like
11 to ask if they would come forward and kind of add or
12 embellish our appeal.

13 We're going to ask Delegate Pete Rawlings if
14 he would come forward first, and I will introduce all
15 of them. He's chair, of course, of the Appropriations
16 Committee. Senator Hughes is here from the 40th;
17 Senator Blount, who is the chairman of the Economic and
18 Environmental Affairs Committee; Delegate Frank Boston,
19 who is chairman of the city delegation; and Delegate
20 Tony Fulton from the 40th District as well. We thank
21 all of them for coming forward.

1 MS. MAURER: Dr. Amprey.

2 MR. AMPREY: Yes.

3 MS. MAURER: How much is the estimated cost
4 of construction for Ashburton?

5 MR. AMPREY: I'm going to have to ask someone
6 to help me with that. What is the estimated cost?

7 MR. DIXIT: \$9.1 million.

8 MS. MAURER: And that's for how many --

9 MR. AMPREY: Yale, you're shaking your head.

10 MS. MAURER: -- 750 students?

11 MR. DIXIT: Approximately 700 students.

12 MS. MAURER: And are you ready to go to bid,
13 because you said the planning was first started in
14 1993?

15 MR. AMPREY: The planning approval.

16 MR. DIXIT: Yes. Our design is almost
17 complete, and we are ready to go to bid.

18 MS. MAURER: You understand that why I'm
19 asking these questions --

20 MR. AMPREY: Sure.

21 MS. MAURER: -- is because, when the state

1 floats these bonds, if we don't, quote, "spend" the
2 money within certain time frames, then we have a cost
3 attached to it. So, we want to be sure that the
4 construction is ready to go.

5 DR. STENZLER: The design/development
6 documents have been submitted, reviewed, and they've
7 gotten a letter back recently. We still have
8 information from them we just received about two weeks
9 ago that we're reviewing as far as the justification
10 for the pre-K through eight program, and we expect
11 there to be a recommendation in the next 30 days.

12 MS. MAURER: So, it would be ready to go to
13 bid.

14 DR. STENZLER: Yeah. Now, the dollar figure
15 they gave you is what their total cost is. That's not
16 the state portion.

17 MS. MAURER: What's the state part?

18 DR. STENZLER: We're still working on the
19 scope, but it's probably going to be probably in excess
20 of \$2,000,000. I don't know what the number will be,
21 but we were at 1.7 before with 250 students. We are in

1 support of the project.

2 MS. MAURER: Thank you.

3 MR. AMPREY: Chairman Rawlings.

4 MR. RAWLINGS: Good afternoon, Governor
5 Schaefer, Comptroller Goldstein, and Treasurer Maurer.
6 I'm here because public school construction is an
7 important issue to all of us. In fact, this is the
8 first project or series of projects that have come
9 before you, I believe, since the work of the Governor's
10 Task Force on School Construction, very ably chaired by
11 Syd Kramer, former senator from Montgomery County, and
12 superbly staffed by Dr. Yale Stenzler. I was a member
13 of that task force, and I'm aware of the members' hard
14 work, and I think the recommendations have been
15 embraced by the Interagency Committee on School
16 Construction.

17 We have several projects: One, School #58,
18 Ashburton, that again we wish to strongly urge the
19 state to move forward with the construction. We will
20 acknowledge that the funds were in the budget last year
21 for construction. It was the city's decision to change

1 the scope of the school, and I'm keenly aware that Yale
2 Stenzler has been looking very thoroughly at the plans
3 both programmatically and the zoning issues; and we're
4 confident that, when the school system and Yale
5 Stenzler finishes this process, that you'll be in a
6 position to support School 58.

7 Secondly, as you are aware, Baltimore City's
8 needs are quite different than some of the other
9 counties. We have significantly old buildings, some
10 the average age around 30 years. So, renovations are
11 clearly important to us. That's one of the issues that
12 was addressed in the task force report. So that we're
13 here supporting the two systemic roof replacement
14 projects at Baltimore City College and Samuel Morse
15 Elementary School.

16 I'd like to again express our appreciation
17 for the work of the Board in its support for public
18 school construction not only in Baltimore City but in
19 the State of Maryland. Thank you very much.

20 MR. HUGHES: Good afternoon, Governor
21 Schaefer, Honorable Goldstein, Honorable Lucy Maurer.

1 Delegate Rawlings has just about spoken for most of the
2 delegates -- for all of the delegates and senators of
3 the 40th and 41st District, and I'm just going to add a
4 few other things.

5 We have been working with the community and
6 with the city and the state on this project for quite a
7 while. We feel as though it's very necessary to put
8 the school in the Ashburton community. We do know that
9 there were some issues raised dealing with enrollment,
10 the scope of work, and the educational program, but we
11 understand that these questions have been answered and
12 that now it's looking over to see whether or not these
13 answers were satisfactory.

14 I just want to emphasize that we do support
15 this project, the two senators from the 41st and the
16 40th District, and the delegates, even those who
17 weren't able to be present today because of committee
18 meetings. Thank you very much.

19 MR. FULTON: Good afternoon. For fear of
20 being redundant, I'm here also to support the project.
21 I wanted to give you a little historic perspective on

1 the school itself, though. The school was really built
2 as a synagogue, and that's why people alluded to it not
3 being created as an educational facility. It needs a
4 lot of improvement, a lot of enhancement in terms of
5 the physical structure.

6 The kids are hungry for knowledge there, and
7 they have a good, solid academic program there; and I
8 and others have gone to the school to work with
9 students there and, in spite of its inferior physical
10 construction, the school is very successful in its
11 graduation of the students there and enhancement of the
12 enrollment curriculum.

13 I look for your support. I hope that you
14 will support this project, and I also echo the
15 sentiments of my colleagues from the Senate and House.
16 Thank you.

17 MR. BOSTON: Good morning and Happy New Year
18 to you all.

19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Same to you, sir.

20 MR. BOSTON: On behalf of the citizens, the
21 fine City of Baltimore, and the Baltimore City

1 delegation, we would be most pleased if you would move
2 favorably on this project. Thank you very much.

3 MR. BLOUNT: The anchor person, Governor.
4 Good morning, Governor.

5 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: You're looking well
6 today, Senator. You feeling well?

7 MR. BLOUNT: Doing very well under the
8 circumstances, but each day is a better day. So, thank
9 you very much. Appreciate everything.

10 Governor, I am here, of course, to support
11 the city's position in terms of the Department of
12 Education and our superintendent on the appeals to the
13 Board; but, while doing that, I want to take one minute
14 of my two minutes allotted to me to say that I
15 certainly appreciate the work of this Board in the past
16 and all the things that you've done to enable the
17 Department of Education in Baltimore City to renovate
18 its school system and its buildings.

19 I appreciate the programming things that
20 you're doing in terms of the proposed two high schools,
21 because buildings are one thing and the kind of

1 education that flows from that is another thing, and
2 you're working on both, and I want to express my
3 appreciation for that and the hard work of Dr.
4 Stenzler, who really is -- before he says "no" or
5 before he says "yes," I think he does a thorough job in
6 looking into each project before him, and he has done
7 that with this.

8 I support the whole program, but really the
9 Ashburton School is a part not in my district but many
10 of my constituents' children go there. And, Governor,
11 you know Liberty Heights Avenue. Some of them have to
12 cross that. A kid who's in the third or fourth or
13 fifth grade shouldn't have that burden placed upon
14 them, and I think this has been rezoned. I think most
15 of the things that the IAC has asked for are now in
16 place and ready to go, and I would hope and ask that
17 you give support to that program and re-examine the
18 appeals on the other programs in order that we might
19 move forward.

20 Education is the key to everything that I see
21 wrong in our society, and if we could get our young

1 people and get them in school, educate them -- year-
2 round schools, a nice project that probably will flow
3 in years to come -- and the more we can do that, the
4 better we can educate, the less prisons we are going to
5 have to build. Thank you very much.

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Senator, may I ask you a
7 question?

8 MR. BLOUNT: Yes, you may, sir.

9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I notice quite a few of the
10 projects in Baltimore deal with roofs of schools. I've
11 got sense enough to know if a roof leaks and it starts
12 coming down the sides of the walls, stains the walls
13 and gets on the floors, I would think, Colonel and
14 Doctor, why don't you give the priority of fixing the
15 roofs?

16 Now, here's a building right here that was
17 built between 1772 and 1778. There's no more beautiful
18 room in the country than this room right here, but it's
19 the roof on top here. If we didn't take care of that
20 roof, what would happen to these beautiful portraits
21 and the walls here and the floors?

1 To me, I think you've got to give priority to
2 fixing these roofs.

3 MR. BLOUNT: I have no problem --

4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I can never get a
5 satisfactory answer. A roof only lasting 16 years,
6 there's something wrong. There's something about the
7 roofing people; they've got some kind of game going
8 with us. A roof only lasting 15 or 16 years is
9 ridiculous.

10 I would think the priority should be to fix
11 every roof in every school in Maryland as a priority.
12 Is there somebody who can answer that question?

13 DR. STENZLER: We have funded over 50 roofing
14 projects in Baltimore City since they began the
15 systemic renovation program, and they are a high
16 priority in Baltimore City.

17 MR. BLOUNT: We're working on it,
18 Comptroller, but I share with you a leaking roof just
19 has to be fixed; otherwise, it's going to spoil
20 everything else that's in the building. No problem
21 with that.

1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: On TV this morning, I heard
2 several cases around the country where the roof leaked,
3 the heat didn't work, a little baby died, the old lady
4 died. To me, this great, rich country, this rich state
5 ought to fix the dag-gone roofs. To me, I just can't
6 get it through my head, because, as Colonel Walsh
7 knows, I fuss more about roofs than anything that comes
8 on these agendas.

9 MR. BLOUNT: Between the IAC and the colonel
10 and the superintendents who are listening and all of us
11 who are part of education of our children, we heard
12 you. Thank you very much, Governor.

13 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you.

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

15 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you very much,
16 Senator.

17 DR. STENZLER: Can I make one statement? The
18 supplemental approvals that were made in the science
19 area, two of those projects are in Baltimore City. The
20 Western High School and Northwestern High School have
21 been recommended for approval.

1 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Okay. Thank you. Thank
2 you all.

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you all.

4 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Baltimore County.

5 MR. BERGER: Governor Schaefer, Comptroller
6 Goldstein, Treasurer Maurer, good afternoon. I'm
7 Stuart Berger, and I am superintendent of the Baltimore
8 County Schools, and I believe a copy of my statement is
9 being passed to you.

10 Thank you for affording us the opportunity to
11 meet with you to discuss the fiscal year 1995 state
12 capital budget request of the Baltimore County Public
13 Schools.

14 First of all, we appreciate the thorough
15 analysis of our request conducted by Dr. Stenzler, the
16 designees, and the IAC. We also greatly appreciate the
17 recommendations of the IAC to provide systemic funds
18 for the Chesapeake High School roof replacement,
19 construction funds for the Essex Elementary replacement
20 school, and Parkville High science alteration projects,
21 and planning approval for the Western School of

1 Technology and Environmental Science addition project.

2 We are here today to appeal all projects
3 recommended for deferral by the designees, namely,
4 Cromwell Valley Elementary School reopening, planning
5 and construction; Catonsville Middle School reopening,
6 planning; Perry Hall Middle School addition, planning;
7 Western School of Technology/Environmental Science
8 addition, construction; additions to Hillcrest, Fort
9 Garrison, Halethorpe, Pinewood, Owings Mills, Glyndon,
10 and Chadwick Elementary School, planning and
11 construction; systemic renovations, construction funds
12 for roof replacement, Johnnycake Middle, Randallstown
13 High, Holabird Middle, Dulaney High, Towson High, Loch
14 Raven High, and Chesapeake Terrace Elementary School;
15 heating system renovations, Middle River Middle,
16 Kenwood High and Battle Grove Elementary School; boiler
17 replacements, Sudbrook Magnet Middle School and the
18 Rosedale Center; and chiller replacement, Winfield
19 Elementary School.

20 Our requests fall within two main categories:
21 projects which provide additional capacity for our

1 increasing enrollments, and projects to protect and
2 improve our existing infrastructure.

3 Elementary school enrollments in Baltimore
4 County have increased by 18,000 students since 1983.
5 Middle school enrollments have increased by 5,000 since
6 1987, and high school enrollments have increased by
7 2,000 since 1990. Our September 1993 enrollment
8 totaled 96,000 students and represented a growth of
9 3,500 pupils over the September 1992 enrollment. This
10 was the largest increase in enrollment in 23 years, and
11 I might say parenthetically that we expect that this
12 enrollment will continue well into the 21st century.

13 Our existing infrastructure has to be
14 protected and improved. Over 80 percent of our schools
15 were built prior to 1970, and less than two percent
16 have been built or modernized since 1980.

17 We appeal to you to help us address serious
18 overcrowding in our schools and preserve our
19 infrastructure by approving those projects recommended
20 for deferral by the IAC.

21 We especially want to thank Dr. Stenzler and

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1 the designees for touring the former Catonsville Middle
2 School on Bloomsbury Avenue, and the present
3 Catonsville Middle School on Edmondson Avenue.

4 Information concerning these facilities has been
5 forwarded to Dr. Stenzler and Mrs. Strein.

6 Representatives of the Catonsville community have
7 worked hard to provide statistics in support of the
8 Catonsville Middle reopening project.

9 We will continue to work with you and your
10 staff and respond to all requests for additional data
11 concerning our fiscal year 1995 state capital budget
12 request.

13 Thank you for considering our appeal. I
14 would be pleased to answer any questions, ladies and
15 gentlemen, and then afterwards with your permission we
16 have three elected officials here from Baltimore
17 County: Senator Piccinini, Delegate Dewberry, and
18 Councilwoman Manley; and I believe they would also like
19 to say something. But, prior to that, if there are any
20 questions, I would be pleased to try to answer them.

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: May I ask a question? Dr.

1 Berger, if we do all the things you're asking here,
2 what is the total cost? Have you got the figures?

3 MR. BERGER: I will in a second.

4 MR. KRAFT: An additional \$8,000,000.

5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Eight million for all these
6 projects he mentioned?

7 MR. BERGER: Of state money.

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: State money, yeah. And how
9 much local money are you going to put in?

10 MR. KRAFT: We're requesting 32,000,000 from
11 the local this year.

12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Eight million state money and
13 32,000,000 local money?

14 MR. KRAFT: Yes, sir.

15 MS. MAURER: Dr. Berger, are the projects you
16 have listed for expansion purposes listed in the order
17 of your priorities?

18 MR. BERGER: They are the board's priorities,
19 yes. They are listed in priority order, of the order
20 in which the board approved its capital projects.

21 MS. MAURER: And, at the Cromwell Valley

1 Elementary School reopening, has the planning been done
2 already?

3 MR. BERGER: Yes, the planning money has been
4 provided by the county. Cromwell was closed in the
5 early '80s and was used as office space, and it is
6 being planned to be reopened as a magnet school for
7 technology in an attempt to relieve overcrowding in
8 about seven or eight neighboring schools to Cromwell.

9 MS. MAURER: When would you be ready to go to
10 bid? I'm asking this of all of --

11 MR. BERGER: We have, I believe, already bid
12 the project, and the bids are in. We're about to award
13 a bid.

14 MS. MAURER: And that in itself would be how
15 much?

16 MR. KRAFT: One million in state money.

17 MS. MAURER: And Western School of Technology
18 and Environmental Science addition, construction, has
19 your planning been completed?

20 MR. BERGER: I do not believe the planning on
21 that project has been completed. That is a school that

1 was a technical school where students were being bused
2 from comprehensive high schools. We are now -- it has
3 now become a comprehensive high school where students
4 attend all day in grades nine through 12. This is the
5 first year, Treasurer, for that project.

6 MS. MAURER: Okay. Now, the additions to
7 several schools, are they rather small additions; has
8 the planning been completed?

9 MR. BERGER: Most of them -- and then I'll
10 defer to staff who can answer far better -- most of
11 them are either four- or eight-room additions. The
12 County Council of Baltimore County has asked the school
13 system to take a hard look at modular construction.
14 The Board of Education has agreed to work cooperatively
15 with the county in an attempt, because our enrollment
16 is increasing so rapidly.

17 So, I'm certainly not an expert in terms of
18 planning, but I believe that some of that would be
19 eliminated, not all of it obviously, by modular
20 construction. Jim, is there more to it than that?

21 MR. KRAFT: No, that's correct.

1 MR. BERGER: Thank you very much. With your
2 permission, I'd like to turn to Delegate Dewberry, who
3 I think has some comments and would like to introduce
4 some people, and then I think he will also introduce
5 Senator Piccinini.

6 MR. DEWBERRY: Governor, with your
7 permission, Senator Piccinini came in after we had
8 talked about an order. I'd like to allow the senator
9 to go first and then go after her.

10 MS. PICCININI: Members of the Board, thank
11 you for giving us this opportunity today. I have to
12 tell you how much I admire seeing my colleagues from
13 other delegations who are able to come down here with
14 their county officials, their county executive, all of
15 their delegates and their senators, their
16 superintendent, and speak as a unit. Unfortunately,
17 I'm from Baltimore County and I can't bring my
18 delegates here today. They believe capital
19 construction or spending any state money is poor. I
20 don't. I agree with you, Governor. They're needed
21 expenditures.

1 For some reason, Baltimore County does not
2 come to the state and ask for assistance. You're
3 probably happy about that, but those of us in Baltimore
4 County know that the capital projects we need in
5 Baltimore County are school construction. We don't ask
6 for stadiums and we don't ask for convention centers.
7 Now, the superintendent is right. What we need are
8 capital funds for our schools.

9 So, I'm a lone ranger and I'm here on behalf
10 of the people in the northwest corridor of Baltimore
11 County, which is the growth area. It's the youth area
12 of Baltimore County. Our county has wisely designated
13 two growth areas: White Marsh and Owings Mills.

14 And the other wise thing that happened but
15 had a negative impact, while we made them growth areas
16 and the young families are moving in and they all have
17 children and it's very refreshing, but the
18 superintendent and the County Council decided to
19 rethink using school construction money, and I think
20 that was wise. But they've decided not to build two
21 schools that had a direct impact on my northwest

1 corridor, that Owings Mills corridor; and, instead of
2 asking or using money for building brand new schools,
3 they came to the decision to use permanent modular
4 units attached to the present buildings in order to
5 expand the use of those buildings and to accommodate
6 the overcrowding needs. I think that was an excellent
7 decision.

8 Unfortunately, while they were rethinking it,
9 people continued to move in, and the northwest corridor
10 is bulging. And the two requests that I have -- in the
11 letter I sent you, I asked for four. So, being in a
12 bargaining position right now, I'm down to two
13 requests, and I'm even going to modify them.

14 I'm particularly here to ask you to address
15 the Fort Garrison issue. Fort Garrison has been over
16 capacity for six years. It will be 59 percent over
17 capacity next year, 70 percent by 1997. Fort Garrison
18 is in the heart of the Owings Mills Town Center. It
19 gets those children from the Owings Mills growth area.
20 There is not one school anywhere near Fort Garrison
21 that could accommodate. So, the superintendent can't

1 redistrict to accommodate that.

2 Actually, Fort Garrison was built on a 15.7-
3 acre site, and in the original plans, which is in the
4 1950s, they had planned to put additions there. The
5 land is already graded. We are asking you for \$425,000
6 for eight permanent modular units to be attached to
7 that building, and it will just have a tremendous
8 impact on that area. As I said, there is no other way
9 to accommodate the growth in that area, and the
10 citizens there have really been working and certainly
11 taking their plight to the superintendent; and I think
12 Baltimore County in this case has made a very judicious
13 decision, but I think it needs an extra push, and I'm
14 here to give it that little extra push.

15 Secondly, I'd like you to consider Glyndon
16 Elementary School. Glyndon, also in the northwest
17 corridor, is the only school in Baltimore County that
18 does not have a cafeteria. It doesn't have a
19 cafeteria. It has trailers, and so the children stand
20 in a makeshift service line, get their lunches and
21 carry their lunches out to the trailer, and on Friday

1 when they have pizza, which is the favorite day for
2 kids, the older students don't get into the line
3 because it takes too long to get into the line, get
4 your pizza and get to your classroom. It's just that
5 bad.

6 We are asking for, I believe, it is \$230,000
7 for a permanent modular attachment to the present
8 Glyndon School that will be their cafeteria.

9 There is a second request from Glyndon, and
10 that is for eight permanent modular classroom units for
11 Glyndon. We've already annexed our kindergarten to
12 Chadsworth, so Glyndon's kindergarten doesn't go there
13 anymore; and, as I said, we have the two trailers. The
14 cost for those eight classrooms are 425,000.

15 Now, members of the Board, that total request
16 is just a bit over \$1,000,000 for those two schools.
17 If I must prioritize even that request -- I've dropped
18 the request for Owings Mills and I've dropped the
19 request for Pinewood -- then let me please plead for
20 Fort Garrison and for the cafeteria in Glyndon. That
21 total request is \$655,000, which is the total original

1 request for Glyndon.

2 So, I'm down to 655,000 for the bulging
3 northwest corridor. I really do ask your
4 consideration, your favorable consideration.

5 Governor, we did invite Mr. Stenzler to come
6 out. He said it will be after this meeting that he
7 will come out. Unfortunately, I don't want the money
8 to be gone by the time Yale gets out there.

9 The superintendent will agree with me that he
10 has a very serious problem, and I really like the
11 permanent modular units. And the parents did not come
12 down; they didn't want to take up your time, and I said
13 I would speak with them. And I hope you won't -- the
14 time I just took, I don't mean to take away from
15 Delegate Dewberry.

16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Senator, may I ask you a
17 question?

18 MS. PICCININI: Yes, sir.

19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: This Glyndon School --

20 MS. PICCININI: Yes, sir.

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: -- the kids have got to go

1 outside to get their food --

2 MS. PICCININI: Yes, sir.

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: -- and come back into a room?

4 MS. PICCININI: Yes, sir.

5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: With all this ice and

6 everything?

7 MS. PICCININI: Yes, sir. Well, the schools
8 are closed.

9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I know, but it's still cold
10 weather.

11 MS. PICCININI: The superintendent would make
12 sure that --

13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: You're up in the third area
14 where Maryland's climate changes.

15 MS. PICCININI: Oh, yes.

16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It's much colder up there
17 than it is down here.

18 MR. BERGER: I think there's some confusion.
19 They don't go outside to get their food.

20 MS. PICCININI: Well, they go from the
21 trailer. They go out from the trailer into the school

1 building where the service line is; then they have to
2 go back outside and into the trailer. So, yes, sir.

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's unusual.

4 MS. PICCININI: Yes, sir. That's why we're
5 asking for a cafeteria.

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: There's more money in the
7 Glyndon area than any place in the eastern United
8 States.

9 MS. PICCININI: Thank you, sir. I think the
10 parents would appreciate your views.

11 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you very much.

12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: My God, you all are back in
13 the old age.

14 MS. PICCININI: Thank you.

15 MS. MAURER: I specifically asked the
16 superintendent whether the requests were in order of
17 the priority of the School Board, and Cromwell Valley
18 is first; Catonsville Middle and Perry Hall, planning;
19 the Western School of Technology; and then the
20 additions to Fort Garrison and others.

21 Why do you think the Board of Education put a

1 higher priority on all those schools than the Fort
2 Garrison and Glyndon?

3 MS. PICCININI: I see Mr. Stenzler wants to
4 answer. That's probably a safer answer. I think
5 that's a dangerous question to ask me.

6 DR. STENZLER: Let me just state, Treasurer,
7 the projects that are listed, the sequence of what you
8 have on the appeal sheet is not necessarily the
9 sequence of their priorities.

10 MS. MAURER: Well, I asked Dr. Berger,
11 though.

12 MR. BERGER: I'm sorry. I thought you meant
13 the additions. What I was saying is those are the
14 priorities for the additions.

15 MS. MAURER: So, Cromwell Valley is not your
16 highest priority?

17 MR. BERGER: Yeah, it's --

18 DR. STENZLER: Well, Western Tech is above
19 that, then Cromwell Valley, then all the planning and
20 construction projects starting with Hillcrest on down.
21 Catonsville Middle is at the bottom of that list, and

1 the systemics are obviously a separate category.

2 MS. MAURER: Yeah, I'm not --

3 DR. STENZLER: Yeah.

4 MS. MAURER: But I just wanted to get clear
5 in my mind whether you as a good representative are
6 suggesting that some things are more important than the
7 School Board has said.

8 MS. PICCININI: I would suggest that, yes.
9 And, also, I just wanted -- the northwest corridor has
10 to be addressed, and if you go by that list, obviously
11 you don't hit the northwest corridor, and it has to be
12 addressed.

13 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Okay. We thank you.

14 MS. MAURER: I will expect Yale to address
15 that, but it puts us --

16 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Mr. Dewberry, do you have
17 anything you want to add?

18 MR. DEWBERRY: Actually, no, Governor. I
19 would ask your permission -- we have a number of
20 citizens that put together a tremendous report on the
21 southwestern area; and, first of all, let me introduce

1 County Councilwoman Manley, who also represents
2 southwest Baltimore County, the same area that I
3 represent. And we would like to defer, just give a few
4 minutes to one representative. These are citizens from
5 our area who put together a report on the serious
6 overcrowding that we have. I think it's been
7 distributed to all of you.

8 Marita Cush will just simply highlight the
9 points of it. They have come this morning through the
10 bad weather, have done a tremendous amount of work, and
11 the councilwoman and I fully support their efforts.

12 And I also would just like, in ending, like
13 to thank Dr. Stenzler, the IAC committee, and this
14 Board of Public Works for the hard work and support
15 that it has given Baltimore County and our area over
16 the years for school construction.

17 And, with that, let me just turn it over and
18 let you hear from one of the representatives from the
19 southwest area, Marita Cush.

20 MS. CUSH: Thank you. My name is Marita
21 Cush, and I would earnestly like to thank you on behalf

1 of the concerned parents, citizens and students in the
2 southwestern region of Baltimore County for listening
3 to our plea for help. I represent a task force that
4 has been put together in southwestern Baltimore County.

5 I'd like to review the capital budget history
6 in a very summary fashion. Baltimore County has 12
7 percent of the total state student population. The
8 southwest area of Baltimore County has 11 percent of
9 the county's student population. Over the last 13
10 years, the state has approved capital funds to
11 Baltimore County of approximately \$54,000,000. The
12 percent of state funds given to the southwest area once
13 approved for Baltimore County was 5.4 percent. Capital
14 funds provided by the county over that same time period
15 are about \$107,000,000; percent of county funds to the
16 southwest area, 3.8 percent. Total state and county
17 approved capital funds over a 13-year period, '81
18 through '94, total 161,329,000. The total that was
19 invested in the southwest area out of that \$161,000,000
20 was 2-1/2 percent for 11 percent of the students.

21 The southwestern region of the county is in

1 desperate circumstances. These are not quality-of-life
2 issues. These are issues that, if they are not
3 addressed, an entire region within Baltimore County
4 will be destabilized. It will mean a loss of the tax
5 base and stable communities along with a loss to our
6 students.

7 Specific projects: Baltimore Highlands, 127
8 students currently over capacity. Outflow from
9 Baltimore City Section 8 housing: Relocatables, they
10 have five; they need one more and cannot address the
11 kindergarten and pre-K situation. Chadwick, 189
12 students over current capacity, maybe to go as high as
13 731. Critical issues: They have had classes in
14 hallways. Fire code issues: HICFA is going to open in
15 their back yard with 3,000 additional jobs. Bathroom
16 facilities are inadequate. Again, kindergarten and
17 pre-K cannot be addressed adequately, and new
18 development is rampant.

19 Halethorpe, approximately 100 students over
20 capacity. Critical issues: not enough classrooms.
21 This school has to be able to assume Arbutus overflow,

1 because there's no room to build in Arbutus. Bathroom
2 facilities inadequate; kindergarten and pre-K, new
3 development.

4 Relay: Relay is currently at capacity, but
5 its critical issues are not enough classrooms and,
6 again, must be able to assume the Arbutus excess;
7 inadequate bathroom facilities; inadequate
8 kindergarten, pre-K; and rampant new development.

9 Catonsville High School: It is at capacity.
10 Critical issues: overwhelming enrollment from the
11 feeder schools. It was built in 1954. Ten years ago,
12 it failed the Middle States Accreditation, and no
13 improvements have been made. It needs computer labs,
14 science labs, family studies, modernization, and it has
15 rampant new development.

16 Western School of Technology: Capacity is
17 737, but it is projected to be 1,067 when it becomes a
18 full four-year program. Critical needs: It has no
19 athletic facilities. The transition to the magnet
20 causes a need for additional capacity. It needs 14
21 rooms and science labs.

1 And Catonsville Middle School: Its capacity
2 is 564 students. It currently has an enrollment of
3 605. You can imagine if all of these elementary
4 schools are overcrowded to the point where they are
5 overcrowded; where will these children go to middle
6 school? There's no room in adjacent schools, and we
7 have new development.

8 Arbutus: The capacity in Arbutus, 486
9 students. The enrollment is 632. They already have
10 four relocatables. There's no more space to put any
11 more relocatables. They need help from the surrounding
12 but already overcrowded schools.

13 We would encourage an analysis of return on
14 capital dollars. That return can be judged by
15 comparing dollars to students who are directly impacted
16 by the investment. Some examples follow: The Cromwell
17 proposal, according to IAC figures that were discussed,
18 would be \$14,000 for one student. The Chadwick
19 addition requested funds at \$425,000, would cost \$2,249
20 to benefit one student.

21 We respectfully request that this comparison

1 be made for all of the projects under review at year
2 one through year five. And, by the way, members of the
3 task force are willing to do any work that is required
4 at your request.

5 We are certain that the southwest area
6 projects would easily prove to be significant
7 priorities when compared to others.

8 Summary: In the southwest area of Baltimore
9 County, there are students who are attempting to learn
10 in closets, hallways, and storage rooms. While other
11 projects may affect the quality of the students' lives
12 and indirectly impact their ability to learn, funds
13 committed to the southwest area will have a direct
14 cause-and-effect relationship. Through approval of
15 funds, you have the ability to cause sufficient space.
16 You can give the students their basic right to an
17 adequate environment for learning. Dollars spent in
18 the southwest area directly impact a roof over
19 students' head and the space to put their work spaces.

20 You have the ability to directly provide
21 these students with a future through adequate education

1 or to condemn them to being disenfranchised for their
2 entire lives. Please carefully consider our plea and
3 use the power which you have to productively influence
4 thousands of lives.

5 We thank you very much for your past
6 consideration, for your future consideration, and we
7 invite you to come to our area or to call any task
8 force member. We've given you a list of contacts.

9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you, ma'am.

10 MS. CUSH: You're welcome.

11 MS. MAURER: We commend you for the
12 tremendous work which has been done.

13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Absolutely.

14 MS. CUSH: Thank you. And, at this point, I
15 would like to recognize Darlene Schoenfelder, who is
16 the task force chairperson.

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Nice to meet you.

18 MR. BERGER: We very much appreciate your
19 time. Thank you very much.

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you all for coming down
21 today.

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1 MS. MAURER: Do you have any comments on the
2 list which you have presented to us versus the two
3 lists which have come?

4 MR. BERGER: I think the dilemma, Mrs.
5 Maurer, is that -- I'm not going to, for obvious
6 reasons, pit any project against any other project. I
7 think the dilemma in Baltimore County is that we are so
8 overcrowded and our infrastructure is crumbling so
9 significantly that I understand where they're all
10 coming from.

11 We are supportive of every project the
12 senator has mentioned. We are supportive of every
13 project that the task force has recommended. But the
14 Board, obviously, has to prioritize it as best it can
15 from among a number of legitimate needs.

16 Again, thank you very much. We appreciate
17 your giving us so much time.

18 MS. CUSH: Thank you.

19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Sure. Thank you. Have a
20 safe trip back home.

21 MR. BERGER: Thank you.

1 MS. CUSH: Thank you.

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Next is Calvert County, isn't
3 it?

4 MS. REYNOLD: Calvert County.

5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Calvert County, Calvert
6 County.

7 MR. HOOK: Good morning, Governor Schaefer,
8 Comptroller Goldstein, Treasurer Maurer, members of the
9 IAC. I am James Hook, assistant superintendent for
10 administrative services for the Calvert County Public
11 Schools, and we have come before you today as a unified
12 team of county officials.

13 I would like to introduce to you our state
14 senator, Bernie Fowler; our delegate, George Owings;
15 also our very new superintendent of schools, Dr.
16 William Maloney. He's only been with us for two days,
17 by way of eastern Pennsylvania, and came down to an ice
18 storm. We told him it was the land of pleasant living,
19 and he comes to an ice storm.

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: What's the superintendent's
21 name? I didn't catch it.

1 MR. HOOK: Dr. William Maloney.

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Maloney?

3 MR. HOOK: Maloney.

4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, sir. Nice to have you
5 here, sir.

6 MR. HOOK: Our board president, JoAnne
7 Kushner; president of our County Commissioners, Hagner
8 Reid Mister; and our executive director of school
9 facilities, Lloyd Robertson. Mrs. Kushner and Mr.
10 Mister will both address you later. We're sort of
11 doing this as a team approach this morning.

12 We certainly appreciate this opportunity to
13 appear before you today to thank you for your support
14 in the past and to ask you for your support now. We
15 are here to appeal two projects that are very important
16 to the future of education in Calvert County.

17 Thanks to the support of the Public School
18 Construction Program, Dr. Stenzler, the Governor, the
19 Board of Public Works, and our local government
20 officials, we have been able to try to keep reasonable
21 pace with the rapidly growing student population in

1 Calvert County. We are growing so fast, however, that
2 we really cannot afford to miss a beat. We're still
3 the fastest growing county in the state percentage-
4 wise.

5 The first project which was deferred by the
6 IAC and one which we appeal today is the Windy Hill
7 Elementary School in the northeast sector of Calvert
8 County. This school was approved for planning last
9 fiscal year by the IAC for a capacity of 590 students.
10 The IAC approved our request to expand the capacity to
11 694 students with full facilities for a four-year-old
12 program this year, but recommended deferral of the
13 construction funds.

14 This school is absolutely critical to
15 relieving overcrowding at Beach, Sunderland, and Mount
16 Harmony Elementary Schools. These three schools are
17 collectively 245 students over capacity now, and this
18 number will grow to 647 over the next three years
19 alone. So, when Windy Hill opens up, opens its doors,
20 it will be just about capacity.

21 Although this sector of the county is closed

1 to further building permits because of the adequate
2 public facilities ordinance, there are still 1,300 lots
3 in previously approved subdivisions in the area, and
4 the towns of Chesapeake and North Beach, which are also
5 growing fast, are not subject to the county APFO.

6 The second project deferred by the IAC which
7 we appeal today is for planning approval for Southern
8 Elementary School. This school would be located in the
9 St. Leonard Town Center area and is needed to reduce
10 overcrowding in the elementary schools in the First
11 District. This area is experiencing the greatest
12 growth, almost double that of any other of the county,
13 and has the potential to grow even faster because of
14 the Patuxent River military base expansion.
15 Our county commissioner will address that growth in
16 further detail later on.

17 The four elementary schools serving this area
18 are collectively 280 students over capacity now, and
19 conservative projections place that figure at 801
20 students by 1998. So, you can see it's growing
21 extremely rapidly in this area.

1 Currently the county is handling overcrowding
2 with the use of transportable classrooms. Common areas
3 of the buildings, such as hallways, cafeterias, media
4 centers, et cetera, make it extremely difficult to
5 continue to house students in this manner, especially
6 as our numbers drift upward.

7 Calvert County is still rural in nature. We
8 do not have large church halls, office complexes, or
9 similar facilities that could be transformed into
10 temporary classrooms. The Board of County
11 Commissioners and the Calvert County Planning and
12 Zoning Department support the need for both of these
13 facilities vigorously. It is important that we stay on
14 top of student growth to avoid the need to build two or
15 three schools a year sometime in the near future.

16 We have grown at a rate of 600 students per
17 year, or the equivalent of one school a year, for the
18 past six years in Calvert County. As a matter of fact,
19 I believe Mr. Jacklisch in our Planning Department has
20 told us recently that, since 1982, our elementary
21 population has grown by 86 percent. That's how quickly

1 we are growing in Calvert County.

2 We see no end to this growth. The county
3 Planning Office expects the population to more than
4 double before the ultimate build-out ends. I believe
5 we have around 60,000 people in Calvert County now, and
6 I believe we're talking about having 138 to 150
7 thousand by the time the build-out ends.

8 For that reason, the school system is
9 applying for a year-round school study grant. Although
10 the projected student enrollment growth makes new
11 school construction vital, a properly implemented year-
12 round school program could defer or postpone some of
13 the costs for that construction; but, as we have said
14 many times in Calvert County, that will help, but if
15 we're going to grow to where we double or triple in
16 population, we are still also going to need new
17 schools.

18 As always, we are willing to work with the
19 Governor, Dr. Stenzler, the IAC, and local officials to
20 resolve this dilemma and do what's the best we can for
21 children with the fiscal restraints we're under, and we

1 know that you're under terrible fiscal restraints just
2 like all the states right now and most of the nation.

3 With that, I'd like to introduce our board
4 president, Mrs. JoAnne Kushner.

5 MS. MAURER: How much are you asking for
6 Windy Hill?

7 MR. HOOK: Windy Hill is \$2.7 million in
8 construction funds. Of course, the planning would be
9 local funds only.

10 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: These lights going off,
11 we've been asked by the gas company to shut down state
12 government. That's sort of a radical thing for us to
13 do, and we're considering it, about three o'clock.
14 Let's think about what we've got to do. It is serious.
15 It is a very, very serious situation with Pepco and the
16 gas company. This 15-minute rolling whatever it is
17 worries me, but they've asked us and we're checking
18 right now to see what has to be done. I worry about
19 people who get panicky and start using space heaters,
20 unvented space heaters and all the rest of this.

21 If we can sort of speed this up just a

1 trifle, not to cut you back, but just don't repeat
2 things. You haven't up till now, and I just want to
3 warn you that we may close down at three o'clock.
4 Okay.

5 MS. KUSHNER: I'll try to keep this brief.
6 Governor Schaefer --

7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Do you have copies of your
8 statement you can let us have? Do you have copies of
9 your statement?

10 MS. KUSHNER: I don't have copies.

11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Next year, let's ask
12 them next time to bring statements.

13 MS. REYNOLD: We'll take care of that.

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Go ahead. Because it
15 makes it much easier to follow.

16 MS. KUSHNER: Sorry. Good afternoon. I'm
17 JoAnne Kushner, president of the Board of Education for
18 Calvert County. I appreciate the opportunity to appear
19 before you today and speak on behalf of our board
20 regarding the FY '95 Capital Improvement Program.

21 Specifically, I want to comment on the

1 construction funding for Windy Hill Elementary School
2 and the planning approval for Southern Elementary
3 School in the St. Leonard area.

4 As noted earlier in Dr. Hook's comments, our
5 school system continues to grow at a very rapid rate.
6 In spite of this growth, we have been able to maintain
7 a high quality of educational programs for our
8 students. In fact, this year our state accountability
9 scores and our MSPP report card ranks us as one of the
10 leading counties in the state. This success can only
11 be attributed to dedicated staff, involved parents, the
12 support of our local officials, and the commitment and
13 guidance of members of the board. These achievements
14 have come in spite of the overwhelming circumstances
15 created by this very aggressive growth.

16 As a board, we undertook a strategic planning
17 process this past year to identify instructional
18 program priorities and related fiscal issues that would
19 guide our efforts and resource allocations over the
20 next four years. The study committee was comprised of
21 business and professional leaders, parents, students,

1 and staff. Our planning effort was helpful in
2 establishing priorities for programs and fiscal
3 management. However, again, a theme present throughout
4 our discussions and an ever present problem for
5 implementing many of our program priorities has been
6 the issue of growth.

7 In many instances, we are unable to implement
8 new programs due to lack of classroom space. An
9 example is our desire to establish an early childhood
10 program in every appropriate elementary school.
11 Although we currently have four schools that offer the
12 four-year-old program, we still have four other schools
13 where we are unable to provide this program.

14 As a board, we are committed to early
15 education programs and feel it incumbent upon us to
16 identify ways of offering these services to all
17 students.

18 As a related issue, we need to improve
19 staffing patterns in our school, and at the present
20 time we are unable to do so, again because of
21 overcrowding and the lack of availability of

1 classrooms.

2 We realize the dilemma faced by both local
3 and state fiscal authorities in funding educational
4 programs, including school construction. However, we
5 believe that funding education is a sound investment in
6 our future. Key to economic success today and tomorrow
7 is the availability and quality of educational services
8 provided today. It is imperative that we maximize the
9 potential of every individual and provide them with the
10 necessary skills to become productive members of our
11 community.

12 In addition, a successful school system is an
13 important factor considered by businesses and
14 industries as they consider relocating into an area.
15 As a board, we are committed to creating a school
16 system that is second to none. In order for us to
17 create this environment, we believe it is absolutely
18 essential for the state and the local fiscal
19 authorities to provide us with the necessary financial
20 support to construct Windy Hill School and for you to
21 recommend authorization for planning for Southern

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1 As you are aware, Calvert County is one of
2 the fastest growing counties percentage-wise in the
3 state. Since 1985, when the county population was
4 40,500 citizens, we have grown to an estimated
5 population today of 60,000 citizens. This represents
6 an average annual increase of nearly 2,000 new citizens
7 and an annual growth rate of 6.8 percent.

8 Obviously, the influx of new families
9 requires that we provide a range of services to these
10 new residents of the county. This includes public
11 safety, utilities, transportation and roads, as well as
12 education. All of these services require additional
13 financial resources as we grow.

14 The rate of growth that we have experienced
15 over the years has been of concern to the Board of
16 County Commissioners. We recognized some time ago that
17 we could not permit the unbridled growth that we have
18 experienced in the '80s. After careful consideration,
19 we implemented an adequate public facilities ordinance
20 and a program of impact fees as a means of controlling
21 growth and offsetting the additional cost of required

1 governmental services.

2 Experience has shown that our APFO plan has
3 been extremely successful. We have managed to slow the
4 growth in two of the three districts of our county to a
5 point whereby we think we can meet the needs of
6 governmental services. Unfortunately, pre-platted lots
7 and subdivisions in the First District continue to
8 plague the area through rapid growth. Two major
9 subdivisions, the Chesapeake Ranch Estates and White
10 Sands, continue to build out. Along with these two
11 subdivisions, the community of Long Beach and the
12 surrounding area, there are 7,300 pre-platted lots that
13 can be developed in this district.

14 Overall, the county has experienced a 4.6
15 percent growth of new dwelling units. In the First
16 District, we have experienced a 5.6 annual increase in
17 dwelling units, for an average of 553 units per year,
18 despite our APFO. As you can see, we are growing at a
19 rapid rate and have the likelihood of continued growth.

20 Recent articles published in The Washington
21 Post and one in our local newspapers indicate that

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1 Calvert County as a second-tier county surrounding the
2 Washington Metropolitan Area is targeted to grow
3 approximately 128 percent over the current population
4 to an estimated 123,000 by the year 2020.

5 Growth does bring a positive side effect,
6 too. With growth, our economy is stimulated; our tax
7 base grows; we have more jobs for people in general;
8 improve the revenues not only for the county, but for
9 the state.

10 Each of us is aware that the Patuxent River
11 Naval Air Station reconfiguration and expansion will
12 have a major impact on the state's economy. This
13 process will bring not only military but supportive
14 research to technical areas in the county. This will
15 also bring more families to the area. We believe the
16 reputation of the county and school system will attract
17 many of the families to our county. Quality
18 educational programs are a primary consideration of
19 individuals who are considering this move.

20 I think probably a little over a year ago
21 Governor Schaefer and some of us met down at the

1 Holiday Inn at Solomons with some of the people from
2 the Navy, talking about the Navy consolidation from
3 Warminister and Crystal City and the various things
4 that we need to look at: transportation, education,
5 employment. So, I'm sure the Governor is well aware of
6 the Patuxent River move that's taking place.

7 We certainly appreciate, Governor, your time
8 and energy that you put into that, the technical
9 resources, financial resources that you directed to
10 that endeavor. I was serving as chairman of the Tri-
11 County Council, and we certainly appreciate that.

12 We believe that both of these projects should
13 be approved, that is, the Windy Hill for construction
14 and the Southern Elementary for planning. We are
15 prepared to show our cost of these projects. We look
16 forward to a continuation of the partnership. Our need
17 is urgent. The time for action is now. We
18 respectfully ask for you as our partner in progress to
19 approve these two projects and let us go on with the
20 business of education and economic development for the
21 sake of the county and the state. Thank you very much.

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1 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Okay.

2 MR. FOWLER: Thank you very much, Governor
3 Schaefer, Treasurer Maurer, good friend Louie who's
4 just -- see politically together, and other
5 distinguished members of this panel. I'm going to be
6 extremely brief. I hope that my brevity in no way will
7 dilute the support that I certainly have for this
8 project, but I know that you've heard a litany of
9 requests today and you're just beginning. You'll
10 continue to hear a great deal more.

11 Let me suggest to you, though, that we want
12 to, as gratefully as we can, thank you for your past
13 support for Calvert County. It has not gone unnoticed,
14 and we're indeed grateful for that.

15 I guess it was Thomas Paine once wrote,
16 "These are the times that tries men's souls."

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Women's souls, too.

18 MR. FOWLER: Yes. Well, in today's context,
19 he would write it differently. It would be, "These are
20 the times that tries men and women's soul." Louie,
21 you're real quick. Thank you.

1 I know that you're deluged with requests, and
2 I know it's tough, and I stand before you today in a
3 less than enviable position, and I can assure you on
4 that. But very recently I read a report, state report,
5 from Calvert County that our student/teacher ratio
6 currently is the highest in the State of Maryland.
7 Even with the academic achievement that we're able to
8 boast about, maintaining a good quality education, the
9 classrooms are tremendously overcrowded.

10 And very recently I did some rough statistics
11 after meeting with a couple of parents who were
12 concerned about this; and it seems to me, in order to
13 accommodate the state average, we would need somewhere
14 in the neighborhood of 90 to 100 new teachers and,
15 consequently, 90 to 100 new classrooms just to meet the
16 state average. So, I think the schools in Calvert
17 County are being fully utilized; no question about
18 that.

19 And I just want to say to you in closing that
20 we know that it's a tough decision for you, but we have
21 no doubt in our mind that you're going to think very

1 carefully about this and that Calvert County will
2 certainly not be secondary in your thoughts when you
3 make your final decision; and, for that, I want to
4 express again my appreciation for the opportunity to be
5 here. Wish you all a very good day. Thank you so
6 much.

7 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you, Bernie.

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

9 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: George, you want to say
10 anything?

11 MR. OWINGS: Yes, sir, Governor, Madam
12 Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, members of the IAC, very
13 quickly. I cannot let you pass those facts which you
14 are well aware of. In fact, all too often, you are
15 aware of things before we elected at home are aware of
16 them.

17 Having said that, let me thank you for your
18 past kindness. Southern Maryland, Calvert County in
19 particular, has been looked upon, in my opinion, with
20 favor and, for that, I am very grateful. I would
21 simply ask that the Board continue with its fair

1 treatment of Calvert County, as I know it will, and
2 thank you for hearing me today.

3 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you.

4 MR. HOOK: Unless there are any questions,
5 that's it. Thanks an awful lot for hearing us today.
6 Appreciate all your efforts you've done in the past.
7 Thank you.

8 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Yes, sir.

9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. Hook. Thank
10 you.

11 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you, Bernie. Thank
12 you. I know you take a lot of time in preparing these
13 statements, and we have given as much latitude as we
14 can; but now, because we do have a serious situation,
15 I'll ask you to confine yourself to the appeal and not
16 so much to all the problems that the county has. So,
17 if we can, let's go on.

18 DR. STENZLER: Caroline County.

19 MS. REYNOLD: Caroline.

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Caroline?

21 MS. REYNOLD: Yes.

1 MR. GORSUCH: Good afternoon, Governor
2 Schaefer, Treasurer Maurer, and Comptroller Goldstein.
3 Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to be
4 here. With me is Delegate Robert Thornton from the
5 37th District on the Eastern Shore. We're going to get
6 you back on schedule very quickly, and we will be
7 brief.

8 We do want to thank you for your past
9 support, not only for this panel but also the IAC and
10 certainly that of Dr. Yale Stenzler. We were fortunate
11 to have been part of the "Maryland Goes to Work"
12 program with a major remodeling program and addition a
13 couple years ago. You also have approved industrial
14 arts projects in our two high schools, which has put us
15 in the forefront of technology education; and we
16 appreciate that kind of support.

17 Also, this year the IAC has recommended a
18 window wall project, our first systemic project that
19 we've ever requested other than the one that we are
20 appealing today; and we also appreciate the pre-school
21 classroom projects which we have received notification

1 of recommendation, and we're looking forward to adding
2 those facilities to our five elementary schools.

3 We do have two projects that were deferred
4 this year. One is a systemic renovation at
5 Federalsburg, which is not before you. We agreed to
6 defer that and do further study. The second is Preston
7 Elementary School roof replacement.

8 The information I'd like to provide you today
9 includes some history about roofing, and I know that
10 Comptroller Goldstein every time that I've come here
11 has mentioned roofing. I want to say to you that we
12 have replaced in the last 12 or 13 years 360,000 square
13 feet totally at local cost in Caroline County. This is
14 the first time we've ever asked the state to
15 participate in a roof replacement project. We've spent
16 \$1.2 million on those projects. We're very proud of
17 the fact that we keep the facilities that you've
18 invested in and our citizens in Caroline have invested
19 in -- we try to keep those in good, dry condition.

20 We do have a problem at Preston Elementary
21 School. This school was occupied in 1971. It was one

1 of those schools that we built with local money, and we
2 have just recently paid that off; and the roof indeed
3 does need replacement.

4 We have included as our responsibility our
5 share, that is, Caroline County's share, in a bond
6 issue which was just approved two days ago by our
7 County Commissioners. We are very concerned that the
8 money that's included in that bond might end up having
9 to go for repairs unless we do go forward with this
10 project.

11 The state requirement in this project is
12 \$112,000, not a lot of money comparatively speaking,
13 but a lot to us. We would hope that you'll continue to
14 show the past support that you have in the past and
15 reconsider the IAC's recommendation and approve this
16 project so we indeed can go forward.

17 We thank you for your time today, and we
18 appreciate your attention to our appeal. And Delegate
19 Thornton would like to say a word.

20 MR. THORNTON: Governor, Mr. Comptroller,
21 Madam Treasurer, other officials, the way we've done

1 the roof projects on our own, county level -- I got on
2 the Board of Education in 1983 -- what we did was work
3 out a deal with the county government: If we were able
4 to save funds from our budget, we could retain those
5 funds and use them for capital projects, one-time
6 projects. That's what we did.

7 We saved everything from paper clips, paper,
8 photocopies. I mean, energy was a big one, and we kept
9 saving those things year after year, and that's how we
10 did our roof projects. That's how we got the 1.2
11 million. That's how we did our computer labs, largely.
12 We did have some help from others on that. But that's
13 what we're doing. We're proud of the fact that we
14 tried to do as much as we could locally, and we
15 appreciate anything you can do. Thank you very much.

16 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Fine.

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

18 MR. THORNTON: Thank you.

19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Want to congratulate you for
20 having that kind of program.

21 DR. STENZLER: Carroll County.

1 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Again, I'd just ask you
2 to just talk about the two projects that you're
3 appealing.

4 MR. SHILLING: Governor, Treasurer Maurer,
5 Comptroller Goldstein, my name is Ed Shilling, and I'm
6 superintendent of Carroll County Schools. Please do
7 not be alarmed; all these people behind me are not
8 going to talk. In the interest of the emergency that
9 confronts you, we're going to abbreviate our
10 presentation in a rather significant way.

11 Governor, it's not often that I get a forum
12 to say anything publicly about the leadership that you
13 provide. I've been superintendent for seven years in
14 Carroll County. You've been Governor slightly longer
15 than that, and I want to tell you that I appreciate as
16 a superintendent of schools and admire very much the
17 leadership that you provide for education in this state
18 and very especially the accountability program that's
19 part of the Maryland School Performance Program.

20 Carroll County has a high interest in quality
21 education, as I know you do; and, as a demonstration of

1 that concern, the president of our Board of Education,
2 the president of our County Commissioners, and Delegate
3 Dixon speaking on behalf of our entire delegation is
4 here today in support of two projects that we're asking
5 for you to reconsider.

6 We are not going to share a lot of detailed
7 information about the stats that support this project
8 or both these projects. Dr. Stenzler and his staff
9 have additional information that we've given them since
10 we appealed to IAC.

11 We're simply here saying that we'd like you
12 to reconsider the Taneytown School construction project
13 at a level of 500 students as opposed to the 400
14 students that has been recommended. And, secondly,
15 we'd like you to reconsider giving us planning
16 recognition and construction funding for Oklahoma Road
17 Middle School. There's a high level of concern and
18 strong support in our community for both of those
19 projects.

20 And, with that, I'd ask John Myers and then
21 Commissioner Donald Dell and Delegate Dixon to make

1 brief comments if they would.

2 MR. MYERS: Thank you. We appreciate the
3 opportunity of being here. Governor, I wish Mr.
4 Shilling would not have made that comment because I
5 truly -- as we sat in Delegate Dixon's office, I just
6 wanted to tell you personally, and I mean this very
7 sincerely, that we appreciate the credibility that you
8 place on education. It's something I think every
9 business should have, and I give you tremendous credit
10 for the courage to do that. I mean that sincerely.

11 At this point I'm going to be very brief.
12 I'm going to speak primarily to Taneytown. We would
13 appreciate your looking at the 500 student enrollment
14 figure. We feel some of the enrollment areas that are
15 adjacent to that -- we're just opening a new Runnymede
16 Elementary School, which will be opening in several
17 weeks. It will be at capacity basically when it's
18 opened. So, we do have a growth area. We have some
19 students that we feel are going to come back to that
20 school system because of different areas of educational
21 needs there.

1 Again, if you would look at the 500 figure.
2 Dr. Stenzler has been very effective. In no way are we
3 trying to overstage you, Yale. I've been 11 years a
4 board member. I know you've been there; you've been
5 very effective. We appreciate that. We just would
6 hope you would revisit that and give us every possible
7 consideration possible. Thank you kindly.

8 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you.

9 MR. DELL: Good afternoon. I'm a county
10 commissioner from Carroll County, and I guess Carroll
11 County being a part of Maryland, it's no surprise that
12 we sound like everybody else here today.

13 Briefly, I would like to make an appeal for
14 the Oklahoma School in the southern part of the county.
15 Recently, the Carroll County Commissioners have funded
16 the Piney Ridge Elementary School to take care of some
17 of the crowding in that area. We have not been able to
18 keep up.

19 I'd just like to read briefly part of a
20 letter that I sent to the Governor in December, and I
21 briefly mentioned what I understand to be the reality

1 of our problem: "After a public meeting held on
2 March 30, 1993, a teacher and a parent took me on a
3 tour of the Sykesville Middle School, and until that
4 time I never thought so much of the issue of using
5 relocatable classrooms. In fact, I assumed this was a
6 reasonable solution to overcrowded schools, and this
7 probably is a reasonable solution within limits. My
8 tour guides pointed out to me that adding classrooms by
9 using relocatables creates a very serious overcrowding
10 of the core facilities that were designed to serve the
11 capacity of the basic school facility. Unfortunately,
12 the result is having students have lunch in mid-morning
13 and on into the afternoon. The media center, the shop,
14 the gymnasium are equally impacted. And our current
15 enrollment of 1,057 students attend this 855 state-
16 rated capacity building. I know the Board of Public
17 Works must establish priorities the same as we County
18 Commissioners do, especially in these times of limited
19 funds. Your effort to provide equity across the state
20 is appreciated by Carroll County government officials,
21 and your attention to this request is equally

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1 appreciated." Thank you very much.

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

3 MR. DIXON: Good afternoon. First, I'll
4 introduce the other elected officials here: our
5 senator from District 5, Senator Haynes; Delegate
6 Matthews; and Delegate Elliott was here earlier, but he
7 had to leave.

8 Governor -- although the Governor is not here
9 -- Comptroller and Treasurer Maurer, this is the first
10 time I've been before the Board of Public Works since
11 the early '70s. Now, the only person sitting up there
12 now who was here in the early '70s was Comptroller
13 Goldstein, and I came down to appeal at that time an
14 addition to the Francis Scott Key High School; and,
15 fortunately, that appeal was granted and we got the
16 addition.

17 Now, today I'm here on behalf of Oklahoma
18 Road Middle School, and I'll mention Louie one more
19 time. You've been out there a lot. You know 3226.
20 About 30 years ago, there was an old Esso station
21 there, a barn on one side of the road, and nothing

1 else.

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I remember it very well.

3 MR. DIXON: Well, it's changed tremendously
4 now. A lot of --

5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I campaigned up there.

6 MR. DIXON: Beg your pardon?

7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I campaigned up there. I
8 know it very well. That was the first county I
9 campaigned in for Comptroller in 1958, was Carroll
10 County.

11 MR. DIXON: You've always done well there.

12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, sir. People treated me
13 real good.

14 MR. DIXON: During the Governor's State of
15 the State Address, he mentioned Carroll as one of the
16 fastest growing counties in the State of Maryland, and
17 it is. And the southern part of our county is without
18 a doubt the fastest growing part of Carroll County.

19 Now, Sykesville Middle School, the school
20 that serves this part of the county now, has close to
21 1,200 students in it, and the school has four

1 portables. Nearly one-third of the students in the
2 portables -- one-third of the students in the school
3 are in portables. And, as I heard earlier someone
4 talking about students going outside to the bathroom
5 and portables, it brought back memories of when I was
6 in elementary school. We went outside the doors too, a
7 different time, but it's very difficult for students to
8 go outside to the bathrooms.

9 And, because this school was at one time a
10 high school, as has been mentioned, the cafeteria is
11 not big enough for all those students in the school.
12 The hallway is not big enough. The core facilities are
13 not adequate for that particular facility. So, we need
14 to have this school built. We need to have it now.

15 If I'd have been here last year, I would have
16 said let our County Commissioners build this school,
17 but our County Commissioners have been doing their part
18 in our county. I went to two dedications last year in
19 our county, and Dr. Stenzler was there for one, which
20 was Friendship Valley Elementary, which the state
21 participated in. I also went to Sandymount, which our

1 County Commissioners paid for in full.

2 So, we're asking on this facility for the
3 state to come in and participate. And, to use one of
4 the Governor's terms -- before I get to his term, we're
5 asking for planning and construction money in the same
6 year because we're ready to go. Our commissioners have
7 said okay, they will build this school. But we need to
8 do it now. We can't put it off. It's important for
9 our county; and, most importantly, it's important to
10 those students who are in this school in that part of
11 the county.

12 As I said, this is the first time I've come
13 to you with any appeal in the last seven years, and I'm
14 only here because it's so important to us.

15 Governor, you missed my punch line.

16 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: I've got one for you.
17 That was the head of the Gas and Electric, and it's
18 really a desperate situation now. They're asking that
19 state government close at three o'clock and not reopen
20 until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. So, all of you
21 elected officials, I think you ought to start getting

1 on the phone and do the same thing. It really is
2 serious this time. It's not particularly the gas -- I
3 don't want to over-emphasize this, but I'm worried.

4 Okay. What was your punch line?

5 MR. DIXON: I just wanted to say that the
6 school we have, we need to do it now, Governor. Thank
7 you.

8 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Oh, my! Thank you.
9 Thank you very much.

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you all.

11 MS. REYNOLD: Cecil County.

12 DR. STENZLER: Cecil County.

13 MS. REYNOLD: Cecil.

14 MR. KUNKLE: Governor Schaefer, Comptroller
15 Goldstein, Treasurer Maurer, I'm going to be extremely
16 brief. My name is Jerry L. Kunkle. I'm superintendent
17 of schools in Cecil County. With me today are Senator
18 Baker, Delegate Guns, Delegate Murray, Commissioner
19 Cleek; principal of the Cecil Manor Elementary School,
20 Mr. Dovey; and the director of school facilities, Dr.
21 Slaughter. Senator Amoss is not here because he had to

1 go to a committee meeting, but he did want me to
2 indicate his full support of our appeal.

3 Basically, in order to cut this short, I'm
4 not going to repeat much of anything that's in my
5 written testimony. I would encourage you when you have
6 time to please read the letters from the parents and
7 students representing Cecil Manor Elementary School.

8 We're appreciative of what the IAC designees
9 have recommended to you in the way of second-year
10 construction for Bohemia Manor Middle/High School, for
11 a systemic window renovation project at North East
12 Middle, and for the movement of the relocatable to
13 Cecil Manor; but we're here to appeal today
14 construction funding for Cecil Manor.

15 Just briefly, it's a capacity of 204
16 students, current enrollment of 324, projected to go
17 into the 400s in the near future. Currently, there are
18 six relocatable classrooms at the site. Next year the
19 state will be moving another relocatable there, and we
20 will also be placing a locally owned relocatable toilet
21 facility. So, it's in extreme need of renovation.

1 The second project we're appealing is the
2 planning approval for Elkton Middle School. It was
3 built in 1937, and the major systems of that building
4 have not been replaced to this day. So, you can see
5 it's certainly outlived the useful life of those
6 systems. Not only is it a project in need of
7 renovation, but there also would be a small addition in
8 cooperation with the state.

9 The third project we're appealing is the
10 Rising Sun Middle School built in 1931, originally
11 served as the high school. Again, the same rationale
12 for that project as I just gave you for Elkton Middle:
13 age, systems that have gone beyond their useful lives,
14 and the need for renovation to operate a viable middle
15 school program.

16 With that, I'll conclude my remarks and
17 introduce at this time Senator Baker.

18 MR. BAKER: Thank you, Jerry, and good
19 afternoon, folks. I just came to give you a weather
20 report. Mr. Comptroller, it's raining in Cecil County,
21 and what we're asking you to do is to fix our roofs up

1 there with this request. And I don't mind, Governor,
2 if you do it from the rainy day fund. So, I'm giving
3 you a lot of options.

4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: You say it's raining up there
5 right now?

6 MS. MAURER: Only theoretically.

7 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Only theoretically.

8 MR. BAKER: Theoretically, yeah. I heard you
9 speak earlier, Mr. Comptroller, about it's important to
10 fix the roofs.

11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Absolutely.

12 MR. BAKER: I was just making a play on that.

13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I get you.

14 MR. BAKER: You got me now? Okay.

15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I enjoy your good humor.

16 MR. BAKER: And I merely wanted to point out
17 to you, Mr. Comptroller, as you probably recall, you
18 gave to us a little study or a report of a study that
19 you did about the folks living in Maryland and going
20 over to Delaware to work and the income tax problems.
21 So, you know, poor old Cecil County, the Eastern Shore

1 don't want us and the Western Shore won't have us.
2 But 45.8 percent of your income tax returns -- these
3 are your figures -- are people who claim a credit for
4 working outside of Cecil County. So, we're a bedroom
5 county and, of course, you know what that means: A lot
6 of people send their children to school.

7 I'm encouraged by the fact that the revenue
8 estimates are up by 4-1/2 percent, 4.7 percent,
9 depending on who you listen to this year; and the
10 Spending Affordability Committee has even recommended
11 that we spend another five percent. So, things are
12 looking up, and I would appreciate whatever you can do.

13 I know there's been a lot of requests made of
14 you here this afternoon and you can't do it all, which
15 reminds me of the story up in Cecil County about the
16 80-year-old man that came before the judge, had been
17 there 10 times before, and the judge gave him 60 years.
18 He says, "Judge," he said, "I'm 80 years old. I can't
19 do 60 years." The judge said, "Well, just do what you
20 can." And that's what I'm asking you to do.

21 (Laughter.)

1 MS. MURRAY: Now, nobody can follow that.

2 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: You'd better have a good
3 story.

4 MR. GUNS: I'll give you a better one, and
5 I'll steal it from the children. In the back of the
6 packet that's been handed out, you've letters from kids
7 who attend Cecil Manor. One letter from Mark Connelly
8 says, "One, the classrooms are like sardine cans, and
9 we're the sardines." Another letter speaks to "Our
10 gymnasium is too small, but our gymnasium is also the
11 auditorium, gym and cafeteria." That means no
12 basketball, no volleyball.

13 I think, Governor, Comptroller, Madam
14 Treasurer, we recognize the fact of growth management,
15 and the state has to play a role in making a
16 commitment. These three examples, Elkton, Rising Sun,
17 and Cecil, are the examples to the state committing up
18 front to help us get out of the past and into the
19 future. Thanks.

20 MS. MURRAY: Mr. Governor, Mr. Comptroller,
21 Madam Treasurer, my name is Ethel Murray. I'm a

1 delegate for Cecil County. I'm here on behalf of Cecil
2 County to appeal for the reinstatement of three school
3 projects, and I don't want to beat a dead horse, not
4 yours, though, but I want to say a few words.

5 First, I must formally thank you and the IAC
6 and Dr. Yale Stenzler for the funding of the second
7 phase of Bohemia Manor and the window replacement at
8 North East Middle School. These were needed and
9 necessary.

10 The three projects that I'm here to ask for
11 reconsideration are the Cecil Manor Elementary School
12 that received approval for planning from IAC in '92.
13 We are now ready to go to construction. The
14 overcrowding in this school has been recognized by the
15 IAC, and they have increased the capacity of enrollment
16 for '93. The planning for Elkton Middle School
17 renovation and addition to accommodate 600 students;
18 planning for Rising Sun Middle School. As part of the
19 original approval for the Rising Sun High School, the
20 renovations to the old high school was recognized as
21 important to accommodate the middle school programs.

1 We all recognize that this planning for Elkton Middle
2 School and Rising Sun Middle are at no cost to the
3 state.

4 I know that every county here has legitimate
5 needs for their construction, and I also know that the
6 children are the greatest asset and the future of this
7 great state. Because of this, I ask you to please
8 reconsider these Cecil County projects, for they are
9 truly needed; and I thank you for your consideration.

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

11 MS. CLEEK: Governor Schaefer, Comptroller
12 Goldstein, Treasurer Maurer, my name is Marie Cleek,
13 and I am a commissioner from Cecil County, and I'm
14 representing the Board of County Commissioners. I am
15 not going to be redundant.

16 I will tell you that the Board of County
17 Commissioners has -- we're ready to go on this. We're
18 ready to award the contract in June for Cecil Manor,
19 for completion July of 1996. It's \$2.1 million for the
20 county. I believe it's 2.5 for the state.

21 We also have in our capital improvement

1 budget \$800,000 for the planning for the Elkton Middle
2 and the Rising Sun Middle. That, of course, means that
3 the state would agree that we do need to do these
4 projects.

5 Thank you for all of your past support, and
6 we ask you to sincerely look at our needs there and see
7 if you can't reconsider these. Thank you very much.

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

9 MR. KUNKLE: Thank you.

10 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you very much.

11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you all.

12 DR. STENZLER: Charles County.

13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Charles County.

14 MR. SIMPSON: Good afternoon, Governor and
15 Lucy and Louie. On behalf of Charles County, we're
16 going to be very, very brief.

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: You can take your coat off.

18 MR. SIMPSON: No, because if I take it off, I
19 may stay longer, and you don't want me here. You have
20 more important things. We have the chairman of our
21 Board of Education, president of our County

1 Commissioners, delegation Chairman Steve Braun; Johnny
2 Wood, delegation; and Mike Sprague was here, but he
3 went to committee.

4 I would very briefly -- we have some other
5 important people. We have Katie, Derek and Kathy. Do
6 you want to give the members a bumper sticker on behalf
7 of Charles County. They're our most important people
8 in the county, Governor, Mr. Comptroller, and Madam
9 Treasurer.

10 And what we're asking for is project planning
11 approval for Thomas Stone High School that was opened
12 in 1969 and needs some renovations badly and, also, the
13 Mitchell School. And I might add I have a conflict of
14 interest. I have a grandson there, and they just told
15 me that he wants to finish there because he wants to be
16 a taxicab driver when he grows up. They just told me
17 that.

18 (Laughter.)

19 MR. SIMPSON: So, with that, I'll turn it
20 over to, I guess, Edith, our chairman of the Board of
21 Education. Thank you very much.

1 MS. PATTERSON: Thank you very much, Senator
2 Simpson. Good afternoon, Governor Schaefer,
3 Comptroller Goldstein, and Treasurer Maurer. On behalf
4 of the Board of Education of Charles County, thank you
5 for the opportunity to appear before you today. All
6 the board members include chairman, Vice-Chairman Jim
7 Gesl, Member Sharon Caniglia, and our new
8 Superintendent Bob Carter.

9 On their behalf, we thank you for your past
10 and willing support of Charles County's construction
11 projects and your innovative financial arrangements.

12 Over the past two decades, we have invested
13 heavily in the construction of facilities in Charles
14 County. The necessity to provide housing for new
15 students does not lessen our responsibility to provide
16 equity in terms of facilities and programs for our more
17 established communities. We want and plan to address
18 these issues, but we need your help. We are now faced
19 with a situation where the county is facing sustained
20 student growth along with need to renovate rapidly
21 aging facilities.

1 Thomas Stone High School is the most heavily
2 used community facility in the county. It is the
3 de facto civic center of Waldorf. We need to renovate
4 and add to Thomas Stone High School. This is one of
5 our oldest high schools. We need to update the
6 facility to accommodate the curriculum, particularly in
7 the areas of career and technology programs and in
8 science. It is necessary to move forward with this
9 project now while before our high school enrollment
10 spirals again and to provide the least disruption
11 possible for our students.

12 Finally, we want to renovate and add to
13 Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School. Mitchell is the
14 oldest school in our county which has not been
15 renovated. We also need to make provisions for the
16 pre-kindergarten program.

17 In this appeal, I have referred to projects,
18 but these projects are much more than that; they are
19 people, people like the principal of Thomas Stone High
20 School, Herman Murrell, and principal of Mitchell
21 Elementary School, Adrienne Jennings, both recipients

1 of The Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leader
2 Award. They are present, along with parents such as
3 Sharon Vaughan and Carl Thompson. We're only here,
4 again, to appeal to you on their behalf and in terms of
5 the behalf for renovation.

6 Charles County remains committed to working
7 together with state and local officials, as evidenced
8 by the presence of our elected County Commission
9 president, Mac Middleton, and our legislative
10 delegation. We're also committed to working together
11 within our community to do what is best for kids.

12 In Charles County, the theme is "We're all in
13 this together, doing what is best for kids." Our
14 delegation, commissioners, board members, staff,
15 parents and students are all here asking you to join us
16 in doing what we believe is best for our kids. Thank
17 you.

18 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you.

19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

20 MR. MIDDLETON: Governor Schaefer,
21 Comptroller Goldstein, Treasurer Maurer, it's a

1 pleasure for me to be here again this year. We just
2 heard in Charles County last month that Charles County
3 is now the second fastest growing county in the state,
4 and I want to thank the Governor and the entire Board
5 of Public Works for recognizing the economic
6 development opportunities that we have in the Southern
7 Maryland area because of the actions of the Base
8 Closure Commission.

9 I want to thank you for the support that you
10 have shown and demonstrated to help us handle and cope
11 with the economic development opportunities as well as
12 the offsets -- the impacts of that new growth that
13 we're anticipating.

14 You have been very generous to us in the
15 past. We are extremely appreciative of that, and I
16 think we in Charles County, our elected delegation, our
17 Board of Education, our Board of Commissioners, have
18 demonstrated to you that we're not going to sit back on
19 our laurels; we will meet you halfway, and we have come
20 up with some innovative ways of funding.

21 I want you to know, on behalf of the County

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1 Commissioners, that we are firmly committed to the
2 planning of these two renovation projects. The County
3 Commissioners have a policy that we will commit the
4 local funding to any renovation project that the state
5 commits to. We're there.

6 Also, we have an adequate public facilities
7 ordinance in Charles County. We just adopted that
8 ordinance. We went through our first CIP, new CIP
9 five-year budget since we have adopted that ordinance,
10 and I will tell you that the County Commissioners are
11 taking school construction seriously. We do not want
12 to put a school in a CIP program unless we fully intend
13 to fund it.

14 I will say to you that, based on the
15 experience that our Board of Education has had and
16 actively anticipating reflected -- reflecting the
17 anticipated growth, we have put the schools as required
18 that they have indicated to us in our CIP. We are
19 committed to providing not only the new construction
20 that is necessary but also keeping up with the
21 renovation project.

1 One of the offsets to all of this growth and
2 economic development in the county is that there is an
3 equity issue. A lot of people in the county are seeing
4 the new schools that are being built with the modern
5 computer labs, and there's a concern that the older
6 schools are not keeping up with it. In addition to
7 that, some of them are starting to fall apart.

8 We had a large school construction program
9 back in the '70s. Those schools are now over 20 years
10 old, and we're catching up with it. We have a number
11 of them that are going to need the systemic renovation.
12 So, it's important, I think, to the state to enhance
13 this economic development effort and, for the county to
14 keep up with it, that we move forward with these
15 renovation projects.

16 So, I would be very appreciative if you all
17 would approve the planning for the Thomas Stone High
18 School as well as the Walter J. Mitchell Elementary
19 School. Thank you very much on behalf of my
20 commissioners.

21 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you.

1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

2 MR. BRAUN: Governor, Madam Treasurer,
3 Comptroller, on behalf of the legislative delegation,
4 we just want to echo our appreciation for your past
5 support, encourage you to support these projects.

6 I've had two sons graduate from Walter J.
7 Mitchell Elementary School. That school has served the
8 LaPlata area for years and years, and it really
9 desperately needs this renovation. I've been in that
10 school many, many, many times, and it's time that
11 something be done with that. It's a fine school and a
12 great group of students and teachers and educators, but
13 without the facility we just can't move forward with
14 the programs that we need there.

15 Thomas Stone High School -- as you're aware,
16 Governor, we're expecting a great deal of expansion in
17 Southern Maryland with Patuxent River. Thomas Stone is
18 right in the heart of that; and, again, it desperately
19 needs expansion.

20 I recall, Governor, in your State of the
21 State Address you said to us that improving student

1 performance is a top priority in this state, and
2 certainly that is a priority for everyone; but, if you
3 don't have the facilities to have the programs, it's
4 tough to improve the performance. And we would ask you
5 to consider this request so that we can do our part
6 towards meeting that priority. Thank you very much.

7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you. Thank you all.

8 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you very much.
9 Appreciate it.

10 DR. STENZLER: Frederick County.

11 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: If I can again just ask
12 you, if you will, just talk about your projects you're
13 appealing. We don't want to have to postpone these
14 hearings. We want to try to get through today, and
15 there are a whole lot of people backed up. We will be
16 closing down soon, so get on with it.

17 MR. GADRA: Governor, Mrs. Maurer --

18 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: This is --

19 MR. GADRA: Frederick County, sir.

20 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: -- fiscal restraints.

21 The only reason -- Yale Stenzler recognizes the need

1 for the school, and the only reason it's not approved
2 is because we don't have the money. Am I right on
3 this, Yale?

4 DR. STENZLER: Yes, sir.

5 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: So, if you want to go
6 through a long dissertation, we know that there's a
7 need. If we've got the money, we'll do it. If we
8 don't have the money, we can't. So, with that, if you
9 want, whatever you've got.

10 MR. GADRA: We'll respect the time demands
11 and the hour. We want to thank everyone who did come
12 to support this request, and recognize your help in the
13 past, your assistance, and we respectfully request that
14 if funds are available.

15 The only thing I do want to mention,
16 Governor, is that at this point we are over 100 percent
17 capacity of all elementary schools in Frederick County
18 and that, as of right now, any additional seats that
19 are added at the elementary school level have to be
20 added through portables. We thank you very much.

21 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you. Okay.

1 MR. READER: Governor Schaefer, Comptroller
2 Goldstein, I'm Commissioner Reader from Frederick
3 County. I'm here to support the request and the appeal
4 for the Walkersville Elementary School.

5 Frederick County Commissioners have
6 implemented an adequate public facilities ordinance in
7 an effort to make sure that funding is there for the
8 infrastructure, for roads and so forth. We've also
9 implemented impact fees with 100 percent of the impact
10 fees going to school construction, but the school
11 construction amount of money in Frederick County has
12 been very tough on our budget.

13 In the last four years, we've implemented
14 general obligation bonds to the extent of \$46,000,000,
15 and we really need some help, and whatever you can do
16 in consideration of funding us the amount of money for
17 the Walkersville School, we would appreciate it,
18 because we have committed in our budget to fund the
19 county portion of that school. Thank you.

20 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you. Hi, Doc.

21 MR. MCCLELLAN: Governor, how are you, sir;

1 Louie. I'm here to just say I know what the situation
2 is on the money. I'm on the right committee to know.
3 And I know if you could help us, if there was any way
4 you could or can, you will. You've always done it in
5 the past. So, I'm here really to thank you for what
6 you've done and not what you're about to do. Thank you
7 kindly.

8 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you, Doc. Thank
9 you.

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you all.

11 DR. STENZLER: Garrett County.

12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Garrett County.

13 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Garrett, okay.

14 MR. RYSCAVAGE: Good afternoon, Governor,
15 Comptroller. We will be very brief. It's been about
16 five years since we have been approved for any type of
17 state-supported construction project in Garrett County.
18 As superintendent, this situation has really not been a
19 function of need, as we still have children in schools
20 that are 60 to 70 years old; it has been a function of
21 problems financially, both locally and at the state

1 level.

2 As a result, we're very, very appreciative of
3 the fact that the IAC is recommending planning approval
4 for a new elementary facility which will replace two
5 60-year-old-plus elementary schools.

6 We are here, however, to appeal the
7 recommendation of the IAC to defer approval on a "Look
8 of the Future" science project at one of our high
9 schools, which needs improvement in its science, math,
10 computer education, and technology education
11 classrooms. The largest part of that work would be
12 done completely with local funds, but supplemental
13 funding through the Governor's "Look of the Future"
14 program would greatly ease our local burden.

15 To support this appeal, I'd like to introduce
16 Mr. John Braskey, one of our County Commissioners; Mr.
17 George Edwards, our delegate to the General Assembly.

18 MR. BRASKEY: Thank you. Governor and
19 Comptroller Goldstein, I just want to say that I'm here
20 on behalf of the County Commissioners. We are
21 unanimously in support of this project, which is pretty

1 unusual when we unanimously support anything; and we
2 feel that if we could receive some of the funds through
3 the Maryland high school "Look of the Future" program,
4 that the local fiscal authorities would be able to
5 complete that project with local money if you could
6 help us out with some of the money through your
7 "Future" programs.

8 And we just want to thank you for the time,
9 and we know we're in a hurry. So, thank you.

10 MR. EDWARDS: Governor, Comptroller, I'd just
11 like to echo my good friend from Frederick County's
12 comments, Doc McClellan. I understand the situation,
13 too. You've helped us and been good to us. I know
14 Yale is going to go back up and look at this, and
15 hopefully he's going to change his mind, and I'm sure
16 he would have maybe under different circumstances.

17 But it's something that's needed. This will
18 go a long way to help us out, especially with the new
19 science curriculums coming on board, and we can have
20 our young people be right up there with everybody else.
21 And we'd just ask you to reconsider and give us this

1 extra help. Thank you very much.

2 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: We'll look at this one
3 because Garrett hasn't gotten a lot of money in the
4 past. We certainly will take a look.

5 MR. EDWARDS: Thank you very much.

6 MR. BRASKEY: Thank you.

7 MR. RYSCAVAGE: Appreciate it.

8 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you.

9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you all. Have a safe
10 trip back up there. How much snow you got up there?

11 MR. RYSCAVAGE: A lot.

12 MR. EDWARDS: We got a bunch. It was like 30
13 below this morning.

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thirty below.

15 MR. EDWARDS: A little cold. That's not wind
16 chill either.

17 DR. STENZLER: Harford County.

18 MR. KEECH: Good afternoon, Governor
19 Schaefer, members of the Board of Public Works. I'm
20 Ray Keech, superintendent of the Harford County Public
21 Schools.

1 Harford County is one of the counties that is
2 growing at a rate of about 1,200 a year, 35,000
3 students, and projected within the next five years to
4 be at 41,000 students.

5 We're very pleased to see that the Governor's
6 Commission on School Construction, for which our county
7 executive was a member, has identified some high
8 priorities of pre-kindergartens for early childhood
9 education, renovation of science laboratories, and
10 modernization of older facilities. Those are all
11 things that touch closely on the needs of the public
12 school systems in Harford County.

13 I want to at this time acknowledge and thank
14 Dr. Stenzler for the assistance he has given to our
15 school system in identifying our needs and working with
16 us. We did open two new schools this past fall, and we
17 will open two new elementaries next fall. We've also
18 -- on the back sheet, you'll see the items that Dr.
19 Stenzler has already approved in our request for this
20 year, totaling \$997,000.

21 We have two categories that I'd like to

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1 address. One is that of continuing to accommodate the
2 growth of our student population with additional
3 facilities, and two would be the modernization of
4 facilities that are in the 40- and 50-year-old bracket
5 that need a great deal of attention to be brought up to
6 par.

7 Starting out with our first priority, if
8 you'd look on page two of your handout, C. Milton
9 Wright High School has been granted planning approval,
10 and we are requesting construction funding. We need to
11 add 12 classrooms, renovate some science laboratories,
12 and update the technology and the business
13 laboratories. The school is 99 students over capacity
14 presently.

15 We're in a four-year phase-in of the student
16 population to move them out and into the Fallston High
17 School, so that we can use all of that capacity; and
18 you can see that we'll complete that this next year.
19 Then the growth will be more rapid again, and you can
20 see by 1998 we'll be 361 over capacity; and we're only
21 asking for an addition that would accommodate 356. So,

1 by 1998, even with the construction, we'll be over
2 capacity once again.

3 The second priority is on page three, if
4 you'd turn there with me. We're requesting planning
5 approval for a Forest Lake Elementary School. If you
6 will see, that would accommodate relief for four
7 elementary schools that are currently 323 over
8 capacity, and by the year 1996, for which we would move
9 into the school, given that we're handed planning
10 approval, we would move into the school in 1996 and at
11 that time those four elementaries would be 486 over
12 capacity, which really means that if we would bring
13 each of the buildings down to 25 from capacity, we
14 would fill the brand new school when we moved in.

15 Our third priority moves into modernization
16 of older facilities. I know that there's people
17 sitting at the table that are very familiar with the
18 military and the APG and the economic impact that it
19 has on the State of Maryland, let alone to Harford
20 County. The Roye-Williams Elementary School is 41
21 years old. Eighty-five percent of its student

1 population comes from APG, and we need assistance. We
2 need \$1-1/2 million from the state to assist us in a
3 modernization of all of its plumbing and electrical and
4 updating that school. We've already received all of
5 the funding from the county. It was appropriated a
6 year ago, and we have the schematics completed on that.
7 Havre de Grace Elementary School is 45 years old, and
8 the same is true there; it's in great need.

9 We're having an interesting dilemma in that
10 our county constituents are noticing that we're
11 building lots of new schools in all of the new areas
12 where people are moving in, yet all of our older
13 buildings have not gotten the attention that they truly
14 need, and so it is a very high priority for us to do
15 the modernization of those schools.

16 Hickory is 44 years old, and we're really
17 asking that we simply get planning approval so that we
18 can move forward with that in the future.

19 And our last request would be that of
20 systemic renovation of the Halls Cross Roads Elementary
21 School. It's 51 years old. We have just completed a

1 phase-one renovation, and now we're asking for systemic
2 funds to assist us with mechanical, electrical, and
3 things of that nature, heat and associated pipes and
4 controls to bring those schools up to the state of the
5 art.

6 At this time I'd like to introduce with your
7 permission -- first of all, it's always been a pleasure
8 that I can represent Harford County and say that the
9 Board of Education, the County Council, the county
10 executive and our delegation come in harmony. We sing
11 out of one hymnal, and our priorities are as they are
12 listed. We agree on that together. It is a high
13 priority of our political arena.

14 I know that if they're not in the room, they
15 have been here during the course of the day because
16 they wanted to stand before you, but I have our county
17 executive, Eileen Rehrmann, that I'm going to ask that
18 you would grant her a few words. Senator Amoss has
19 been here; our chair of our delegation, Mary Louise
20 Preis; Delegate David Craig; Delegate Don Fry, and I
21 know that he's here; Jim Harkins, the delegate, has

1 been here --

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: They're all right behind you,
3 sir. You've got a wonderful delegation; look lovely,
4 the ladies do, and the gentlemen.

5 MR. KEECH: They are all here. Wonderful!

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, sir.

7 MR. KEECH: And we have members of our County
8 Council, Sue Hessleton --

9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: We've got time constraints.
10 The Governor is going to close these buildings down
11 here in the next few minutes.

12 MR. KEECH: I'll slow down.

13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: You realize what's happening
14 with the electricity and the gas? You probably didn't
15 hear his statement. We've got to speed this thing up
16 in order to take care of -- we've got about 10 more to
17 go here yet.

18 MR. KEECH: Okay. Sue Hessleton and Teresa
19 Piernoy are here from our County Council, and it's just
20 to demonstrate that, indeed, we have our act together
21 as a county. And, with your permission at this time, I

1 would ask that you allow our county executive to speak.

2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Always nice to hear from this
3 lovely lady, the county executive.

4 MS. REHRMANN: Just in the interest of time,
5 Comptroller Goldstein, Treasurer Maurer, we support the
6 priorities. I might express my appreciation to the
7 Board of Public Works on our past appeals, because your
8 support has enabled us to keep up with the growth in
9 Harford County and the school needs.

10 We have and will have the dollars in hand to
11 meet our match. We have the site for the elementary
12 school. All the data supports the need, and we would
13 respectfully request your support on the appeal that we
14 have before you. Thank you for your help in the past
15 and look forward to it now.

16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

17 MS. MAURER: Thank you for coming down.

18 MR. KEECH: And the chair of the delegation
19 would like to just say a couple of words.

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Sure.

21 MR. KEECH: Thank you.

1 MS. PREIS: I really have only one sentence,
2 and that is that I think you have a very good watchdog
3 in Yale Stenzler. I think that he has gone through
4 these projects, some of which are unusual and new for
5 us, with a very careful, fine-toothed comb; and I rely
6 on his expertise and emphasize very strongly that the
7 people, particularly for our modernization of schools,
8 desperately need your assistance and our assistance.
9 We're counting on you. You can count on us. Thanks.

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

11 DR. STENZLER: Let me make one comment. In
12 our recommendations for the science "Look of the
13 Future" projects, Harford Technical High School is
14 included in that. That's in our recommendation to the
15 Board today.

16 MR. KEECH: Thank you very much.

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you all. Have a safe
18 trip back down. Appreciate you all coming down.

19 DR. STENZLER: Howard County.

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Howard County coming up.

21 MR. HICKEY: Mr. Goldstein, Mrs. Maurer, and

1 Governor Schaefer when he returns, I'm Mike Hickey,
2 superintendent of Howard County. I've written a very
3 eloquent statement that I would love to deliver to you,
4 but in the interest of time I'm going to let it stand
5 on its own.

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: You're Superintendent Hickey?

7 MR. HICKEY: Yes, I am.

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, sir.

9 MR. HICKEY: I would like to say two things
10 that aren't in the statement. One, I would like to
11 thank the Governor for increasing the amount of overall
12 state funding for school construction to 75,000,000.
13 We really appreciate that very much, and we hope that
14 that will mean that you will be able to fund some of
15 the additional projects we're appealing.

16 And then, lastly, I would like to, first of
17 all, extend regrets from the county executive, Chuck
18 Ecker, and from Dana Hanna, the chair of our School
19 Board. Both of them were planning to be here. Chuck
20 Ecker was here earlier this morning but couldn't stay.

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yeah, he spoke to us. He

1 said he had another very important engagement.

2 MR. HICKEY: Yes, he did. But I would like
3 to introduce the people that are here to support this
4 request: Senator McCabe; Delegate Flanagan, chair of
5 our legislative delegation; and Vernon Gray, chair of
6 the County Council; and Shane Pendergrass from the
7 County Council.

8 MR. GRAY: Mr. Comptroller and Mrs. Maurer, I
9 shall be very, very brief. We're here to thank you for
10 your past support and, also, to indicate to you that
11 the council unanimously support this appeal by our
12 school board.

13 As the County Council, we think we've been
14 very responsive to growth in the county. We do have
15 adequate public facilities legislation. We try to
16 control growth in that way.

17 Also, in the past six years, we have
18 appropriated almost \$200,000,000 to school
19 construction, and so we really do ask your support for
20 this appeal by our school board.

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

1 MS. PENDERGRASS: I'd like to add my hot air
2 to warm the room a little bit today. You've been very
3 good to us in the past. We've needed your help. We've
4 grown very quickly and, as you know, we've slowed our
5 growth. We've got an excise tax. We've tried to do
6 our part, and we just need your help once again this
7 year if you could. Thank you.

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

9 MR. FLANAGAN: Comptroller Goldstein,
10 Treasurer Maurer, good afternoon. Senator Yeager was
11 unable to make it. He asked me to send his regrets.
12 We appreciate the support that you've given us in the
13 past.

14 We are the fastest growing county in the
15 state. We have the highest bonded indebtedness per
16 capita in the state. There is a reason. Those two
17 things are connected. As our council people have
18 mentioned, we have tried to responsibly work with our
19 growth and really to respond to those people who want
20 to pull up the drawbridges and close down growth,
21 because it's very important, I think, not only to

1 Howard County but to the state that we're able to
2 continue to attract people into the county, attract
3 businesses into the county.

4 So, the support that you've given us in the
5 past is appreciated, and whatever you can do for us
6 this time would be appreciated.

7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: You've got one of the great
8 counties in America.

9 MR. FLANAGAN: Pardon?

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: You've got one of the great
11 counties in America.

12 MR. FLANAGAN: We certainly do. We're very
13 proud of it. Thank you.

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, sir. Senator.

15 MR. MCCABE: Thank you for the invitation to
16 join you. The Governor, obviously, is out of the room,
17 but I just wanted to --

18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: The Governor is in the
19 utility business right now.

20 MR. MCCABE: I guess so.

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Really, the gas lines are

1 frozen and they can't get the transmission of gas in
2 Maryland when everybody is using electricity. That's
3 overgrown the capacity. So, it's a real emergency.
4 So, he's in there trying to work out something.

5 MR. MCCABE: I hope it doesn't take any of
6 our school money from Public Works. In any event, I
7 just wanted to say, because he's not here, for your
8 benefit that we appreciate the Governor's insight into
9 Howard County, because clearly he's been out there; he
10 knows not only the needs of the county but also the
11 importance of the county. And, clearly, with
12 representation from Howard County here, we really
13 appreciate your insight.

14 Dr. Hickey has laid out the proposal and our
15 needs, and so we'd just appreciate your consideration.
16 I also represent northeastern Montgomery County, and
17 clearly the Montgomery County executive and
18 superintendent will talk about their needs; but, in
19 many ways, the districts that I represent have common
20 needs, and it's a burgeoning area with a lot of new
21 growth, with a lot of people who contribute greatly to

1 the State of Maryland, and they care dearly about
2 education, and classroom size is important to them.

3 So, I appreciate your consideration of
4 Howard's request and Montgomery.

5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you. Have a safe trip
6 back home.

7 DR. STENZLER: Montgomery County.

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Montgomery.

9 MR. POTTER: I hope the last two speakers
10 would be supporting Montgomery County, too.

11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Good to see you.

12 MR. POTTER: Because they represent us as
13 well as Howard. Good afternoon, survivors, Mr.
14 Goldstein and Treasurer Maurer. For the record, I am
15 Neal Potter, executive of Montgomery County. Joining
16 me in this presentation are Marilyn Praisner of our
17 County Council; Bea Gordon of our Board of Education;
18 Gene Counihan, head of our delegation; and Dr. Paul
19 Vance, the superintendent of schools. We appreciate
20 the opportunity to present this appeal.

21 In past years, the Board of Public Works has

1 reviewed funding needs for school construction in
2 Montgomery County and, with the support of the General
3 Assembly, has approved funding significantly higher
4 than the quite conservative amounts initially
5 recommended by the Interagency Committee.

6 The past two years you've given us a greater
7 level of support than in prior years, and we sincerely
8 appreciate that increased support and this recognition
9 of Montgomery County's extensive and growing school
10 construction needs. We feel it's vital for the state
11 to continue and bolster further its partnership with
12 local governments in the area of school construction.
13 The urgency is based on both the rapid growth of
14 enrollment and the importance which education plays,
15 both directly and indirectly, in maintaining the
16 strength of our community and of the state. In order
17 to keep current and future needs for school
18 construction and to maintain a strong positive impact
19 on state revenues, we must have solid and consistent
20 support from the state.

21 The IAC has recommended that Montgomery

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1 County receive only 5.6 million, or six percent, of our
2 \$88,000,000 request for fiscal '95. See Attachment 1
3 for the tabulation. Our request already understates
4 our real need for state assistance, since it represents
5 only 25 percent of the estimated cost of schools
6 eligible for funding since 1985. The IAC's
7 recommendation of 5.6 million leaves nearly 71,000,000
8 unreimbursed for projects already funded by Montgomery
9 County during this period since 1985. Note that we
10 have prefunded all but five of the 49 school
11 construction projects that you see in our request.

12 This shortfall between our fiscal 1995
13 funding request and the IAC recommendation continues to
14 highlight the dramatic disparity between our needs and
15 the state funding, and see Attachment 2 for tabulation
16 on that. An allocation at this level would be
17 tremendously damaging to Montgomery County, with its 15
18 percent of the state's enrollment and expecting over
19 19,000 additional students by 1999, which is 21 percent
20 of the state's school enrollment increase over the next
21 six years.

1 We strongly urge implementation of an
2 expanded effort in state funding of school construction
3 as recommended last year by the Governor's Task Force
4 on School Construction, the Kramer Commission, if
5 you'll remember their recommendation.

6 Data from Maryland's Office of Planning --
7 see Attachment 3 -- show that, between 1982 and 1993,
8 Montgomery County's public school enrollment growth was
9 equivalent to 33 percent. That's one-third of the
10 state's public school enrollment growth. Montgomery
11 County's enrollment increased by twenty thousand point
12 five while the total state enrollment increased by
13 63,000. By our projections, Montgomery County's
14 enrollment between September '93 and September '94 will
15 grow by another 3,500 students.

16 We continue to ask the state to recognize the
17 degree to which Montgomery County has contributed to
18 Maryland's economic development. Residents and
19 businesses in Montgomery County provided over 1.2
20 billion in state taxes in fiscal '92, more than 21
21 percent of the total state taxes collected. That's

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1 tabulated in Attachment 4. The county's unemployment
2 rate continues to be well below the state average,
3 providing a strong employment base which contributes to
4 both state and county economies. Many of those who
5 come to Montgomery County to work do so because of
6 Montgomery County's public school system.

7 Last year, the Board of Public Works urged
8 jurisdictions throughout the state to "put Maryland to
9 work." Montgomery County has done this consistently
10 since 1984, shouldering 83 percent of our \$679,000,000
11 in school construction appropriations. Montgomery
12 County's school construction program contributes to the
13 health of Maryland's businesses in many ways. For
14 example, a significant portion of the money spent on
15 school construction in our county goes to minority
16 contractors and subcontractors, a third more, in fact,
17 than the statewide average. The state helps us to do
18 more business with these minority business firms; one
19 of every three state aid dollars goes to such firms.
20 This support represents another building block in our
21 joint efforts to construct a strong and diverse

1 economic base both locally and statewide.

2 We understand the fiscal environment at the
3 state level. It's similar to the problems we continue
4 to have in Montgomery County, as we have been asked to
5 provide a disproportionate contribution toward the
6 state's shortfall, which makes our shortfall doubly
7 difficult. In light of this dual dilemma, we are
8 specifically appealing \$35,000,000 in additional
9 reimbursement for the school and systemic projects
10 county-wide on Attachment 1.

11 Two projects, Brooke Grove Elementary School
12 and Watkins Mill High School, have prior planning
13 approval from the Board of Public Works and are now in
14 need of pay-go funding, unfortunately. Both were also
15 appealed last year but went unfunded by the Board of
16 Public Works while they were still eligible for state
17 bond funding.

18 Last June, in large part to support planned
19 and projected growth, the County Council approved a
20 six-year school capital improvements program for fiscal
21 '94 to '99, with over \$418,000,000 in expenditures.

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1 It's crucial that we not falter in maintaining and
2 expanding our infrastructure to guarantee strong
3 educational support to our community's future.

4 Montgomery County continues to make a major
5 commitment to school construction. We also continue to
6 assume a major responsibility for funding the
7 infrastructure that underlies the economic health and
8 prosperity of our county and the State of Maryland.
9 These actions have multiple effects on workers and
10 jobs, the basis of the state's "Maryland Goes to Work"
11 initiative. We're asking your continued cooperation
12 and support in this endeavor. We applaud your
13 commitment to education and ask that you manifest that
14 support again this year through more equitable funding
15 for the children of Montgomery County than the IAC had
16 recommended. Many of these people in the schools are
17 future employees, taxpayers, and parents of both our
18 county and our state, and we hope you'll give them your
19 most adequate support. Thank you.

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you. Made a great
21 statement. Lucy, do you have any questions?

1 MS. MAURER: I noted in the local paper that
2 Montgomery has a report out that the school
3 construction costs are the least in the state, the per
4 square foot. Perhaps Marilyn or Gene could address
5 that.

6 MS. PRAISNER: I think one of our staff
7 members would like to address that.

8 MS. BRIGGS: Yes, you're quite right. I'm
9 Ann Briggs, the director of facilities planning and
10 capital programming for the school system.

11 The new construction costs in Montgomery
12 County averaging \$73 a square foot are the lowest costs
13 throughout the state, and reflect, I think, a very
14 careful guidance of the program to accomplish that.

15 MS. MAURER: Does this include such things as
16 the auditoriums in total or is this just classrooms?

17 MS. BRIGGS: No, this is the whole new
18 building, and we were careful to try to make a
19 comparison. So, when we compared various
20 jurisdictions, we were comparing comparable spaces.

21 MS. MAURER: Thank you.

1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

2 MR. POTTER: I will say that I'm grateful
3 that the School Board has tried to cut back on the
4 renovation jobs which are postponable in some cases,
5 and that also has helped keep our budget down. Thank
6 you.

7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: All right. I assume all the
8 rest of your contingent here agrees with everything you
9 said here today. Is that right? Just want to save a
10 lot of time.

11 MR. POTTER: All the School Board people are
12 here and some --

13 MS. PRAISNER: I just want to say something
14 to highlight the problem for Montgomery County.
15 Watkins Mill High School --

16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: You want to give your name
17 for the record.

18 MS. PRAISNER: I'm Marilyn Praisner, member
19 of the County Council.

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Right.

21 MS. PRAISNER: Watkins Mill High School,

1 which has prior planning approval and which we're now
2 asking for pay-go funding for, is a high school that's
3 been open for several years. We're now in the process
4 of having given the school system planning approval for
5 an addition to that school, and here we are with having
6 forward funded the original construction; now we can't
7 get bond funding for that because it's past that time
8 period, and we're in the process now of having to start
9 the process of paying for an addition to that school.

10 So, that, I think, highlights the problems
11 that we have in Montgomery County and highlights the
12 significant growth that we're having in Montgomery
13 County and the concerns that we have about needing
14 additional funds and additional help from the state.

15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: You come from a great county.
16 You're, what, in the top four counties in America, I
17 reckon, for growth and size and everything. Makes for
18 good living. Everybody wants to come there.

19 Anybody else want to make a statement?

20 MR. POTTER: We've got to keep it strong, and
21 I think the schools are a mainstay of that.

1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Delegate Counihan.

2 MR. COUNIHAN: Thank you very much, and thank
3 you for your kind words about one of the top four. We
4 want to stay that way, and I'm sure with your help --
5 and Neal indicated that, over the last 10 years, we've
6 had one-third of the student growth in the state, and
7 that has already strained our facilities. In spite of
8 many years you've been rather generous in terms of the
9 percentage of state funding that Montgomery County has
10 gotten for the school construction funds, it still
11 hasn't approached the percentage of new student growth
12 in the state; and, as we look at the 20 percent of the
13 state that we're going to have in the years ahead, we
14 are full. We have forward funded projects, and we
15 really do need your assistance and hope that we can
16 count on you when you get down to the bottom line.
17 Appreciate the time this morning.

18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you all.

19 MR. POTTER: Thank you, Mr. Counihan.
20 Senator Ruben, the chairman of our Senate delegation,
21 is here as well.

1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Senator Ruben, all dressed in
2 blue and looks lovely.

3 MS. RUBEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Madam
4 Treasurer. I know everything has been said that needs
5 to be said. I just want to urge you to consider the
6 enrollment that we're going to have and the expansion
7 needs that come with it, and we are really bursting at
8 the seams.

9 We even have a concern over sufficient monies
10 to build another high school, and not having enough and
11 needing to go through all sorts of gyrations to try and
12 address the problem. So, we are really desperate for
13 some additional funds, and I thank you for the
14 consideration.

15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you all. Have a safe
16 trip back home. Anybody else?

17 MR. POTTER: Thank you very much. We
18 appreciate your sticking it out in bad weather and long
19 time together.

20 MS. MAURER: Drive safely.

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: All right.

1 DR. STENZLER: Prince George's County.

2 MS. REYNOLD: Prince George's.

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Prince George's County.

4 MR. CLARK: Good afternoon, Comptroller
5 Goldstein and Treasurer Maurer. I'm Jerome Clark. I'm
6 the deputy superintendent of schools of Prince George's
7 County. I'm joined by Delegates Currie and Proctor.
8 Delegate Tim Maloney wanted to be here and was not able
9 to be here because of illness.

10 Pursuant to a resolution of Prince George's
11 County Board of Education, I'm here to appeal the
12 recommendations of the IAC which deny funds for various
13 projects requested for Prince George's County Public
14 Schools. Specifically, I wish to speak to four areas
15 of concern: monies for two major construction
16 projects, the Benjamin Stoddert Middle School
17 renovation/addition project and the La Reine renovation
18 project; deferred funding for requested modular
19 classrooms; funds for systemic replacement projects;
20 and planning authority for future needs.

21 We approach you knowing full well the limited

1 resources available and the pressing demands statewide,
2 yet we are here today to plead for help given our
3 increasing enrollment and aging facilities. For too
4 long, repairs have been deferred and projects
5 postponed. Our needs for instructional space have
6 grown acute. At the same time, we desperately need
7 funds to modernize facilities which violate the letter
8 and intent of current building and life safety codes.
9 Our situation is critical, and we come to you seeking
10 relief.

11 Of particular concern to me is the long-range
12 outlook with regard to space. Current projections
13 point to a substantial increase in our student
14 population in the next decade. Enrollment will rise
15 from the current level of 113,000 students to 121,000
16 students in 1998 to about 124,000 students in 2003.
17 This represents about an additional 11,000 student
18 increase, an almost 10 percent increase.

19 Our problem of providing space is further
20 compounded by the fact that the average age of our
21 school facilities stands at 30 years. Of our

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1 15,000,000 square feet of space, 11,000,000 square feet
2 were constructed between 1960 and 1975. We're clearly
3 between a rock and a hard place where instructional
4 space is concerned. We need additional space and we
5 need to renovate existing space. This is not an
6 either/or situation. Our need for new space is driven
7 by enrollment projections, and our need to renovate
8 reflects our inventory of older buildings. Our appeal
9 today mirrors these realities.

10 First and foremost, we are requesting major
11 construction funds for two projects: the Benjamin
12 Stoddert renovation/addition project and the La Reine
13 renovation project. For Benjamin Stoddert, we seek
14 \$2.7 million in construction funds. This project will
15 result in a modern 100,000-square-foot middle school
16 with a 730-student capacity serving an area with few
17 potential building sites.

18 The current facility was constructed in 1958
19 and is among the oldest unrenovated structures we have.
20 It is a three-story structure which lacks elevators and
21 does not begin to meet ADA requirements with regard to

1 handicapped accessibility. The La Reine Middle School
2 project also addresses a critical space need. It will
3 convert a former all-girls parochial high school into a
4 public middle school facility. La Reine is an older
5 facility whose building systems need to be upgraded.
6 Also, by virtue of its change in ownership, the
7 building will have to be upgraded to meet current
8 building and life safety code requirements. Because of
9 our need to occupy this structure in September 1994, we
10 have begun asbestos removal work and interior
11 demolition while seeking planning authority and state
12 funding in the amount of \$3,000,000.

13 Second, with regard to modular classroom
14 construction, space represents a critical and pressing
15 problem for our school system. In terms of facilities,
16 space will dominate our agenda for the next decade as
17 we strive to provide additional seats for additional
18 students. In approving 10 modular units at Woodmore
19 and Shadyside Elementary Schools, the IAC left unfunded
20 36 units at seven additional sites. These are
21 locations where student population already exceeds

1 capacity and where the demands are projected to
2 continue. We seek \$2.6 million to fund these 36 units.

3 Modular classrooms allow us to add units
4 across the county. While building a school in one part
5 of the county offers immediate relief to that area, it
6 does little to relieve overcrowding in other areas.
7 The enrollment increases that we face are less a
8 function of a new growth and more a reflection of
9 changes in birthrates. Consequently, our classroom
10 needs are county-wide and can best be met through a
11 program of modular construction.

12 In its support of our pre-K program, the
13 state has provided 17 units, 14 of which will be
14 modular units. Modularity will provide us seats on
15 sites.

16 Third, our request for systemic replacement
17 projects: This constitutes a critical, though often
18 hidden, need. Deteriorating roofs often do structural
19 damage before the roof leaks like a sieve. For FY '95,
20 the IAC recommendation authorizes one project, the
21 Thurgood Marshall Middle School, for roof replacement,

1 which is about \$369,000 in state funds. While a needed
2 project, this virtually ignores the problem of failing
3 building systems in a large school system of 187
4 schools, a majority of which are in excess of 30 years
5 old. Specifically, we seek \$6.6 million in state
6 contributions. This will allow us to fund 17 total
7 roof replacements, five partial roof replacements, and
8 nine boiler replacements -- 31 facilities that are in
9 immediate need of our attention.

10 And, last, with regard to the denial of
11 planning authority for FY '96, we're requesting
12 planning funds from the state for two projects: the
13 Francis Scott Key Middle School and the proposed Croom
14 Vocational High School replacement.

15 The Francis Scott Key project renovates an
16 outdated facility and addresses a long-standing need
17 for an appropriate acoustic environment for deaf and
18 hard-of-hearing children. These students are served by
19 the school system's imaginative program for hearing-
20 impaired youngsters. Croom Vocational is currently
21 housed in a scattering of obsolete structures on an old

1 Nike base. These projects are essential to our efforts
2 to renovate existing buildings and create the
3 additional instructional space required.

4 A careful and realistic examination of our
5 demographics places us in the unenviable position of
6 having to request funds for both renovations and new
7 construction. The years of excess classrooms in our
8 high schools are past; and, by the time the student
9 population bulge hits the high schools, it will be too
10 late.

11 I appear before this Board cognizant of the
12 demands placed on it. I thank you for your judicious
13 review and thoughtful consideration of these requests.
14 We appreciate the opportunity to work closely with the
15 IAC staff in developing innovative approaches such as
16 our pre-K projects and high school science room
17 upgrades. I can assure you that the renovated science
18 labs at Eleanor Roosevelt High School are making a
19 difference and that we are currently working to upgrade
20 the lab space at Central High School.

21 We in Prince George's County feel that we

1 make these requests only after exhausting all other
2 avenues of relief and that the projects for which we
3 seek funds are essential to our mission of providing
4 quality education for the children entrusted to our
5 care. The future of Maryland and its economic well-
6 being depends, in large measure, on the success of
7 Maryland schools, and the requests that we make today
8 support instruction and the young people who will be
9 Maryland's future.

10 Thank you. And I'm asking the delegates if
11 they would comment further.

12 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: I just want to remind you
13 at three o'clock we're closing down. So, all the time
14 you take -- we want to try to finish today. So, let's
15 just not be repetitious. I'd appreciate it. Three
16 o'clock we're closing.

17 MR. CLARK: I understand that, Governor.

18 MR. CURRIE: Good afternoon, Governor. I
19 hear you and I understand that the shorter we talk, the
20 more money we get. So, I'll be very brief.

21 (Laughter.)

1 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: I don't disagree, but it
2 isn't going to help today.

3 MR. CURRIE: We want to thank you for what
4 you've done for us in the past and what you're going to
5 do in the future.

6 I just want to mention one project, the La
7 Reine High School. You were at Suitland High School
8 when President Reagan was there and told the story of
9 Prince George's County. La Reine High School, we just
10 picked it up; sits right on the ground, and it will
11 become a part of that Suitland High School. It was a
12 private, Catholic school. And it's in the request, the
13 monies there to renovate that project.

14 I want to say, in closing, thanks for what
15 you've done for Head Start and pre-K. I direct the
16 Head Start program in Prince George's County. Prince
17 George's County is one of the few counties in the
18 country that house Head Start within the school system.
19 We provide space right in the school system for Head
20 Start. Most other counties, most other locations are
21 spending something like \$200,000 of federal money to

1 build Head Start classrooms, but Prince George's County
2 is housing them right in the school building.

3 So, again, I want to say thanks, Governor. I
4 hope that I was short enough for you to look kindly
5 upon these requests.

6 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: La Reine Middle, okay.

7 MR. PROCTOR: Governor, I heard you, I heard
8 you well, and I also know that I have other delegates
9 behind me that want to make their pitch. So, I'm just
10 going to say thank you in advance for all the help that
11 you're going to give us. Thank you.

12 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you. We're going
13 to do everything we can.

14 MR. CLARK: Thank you.

15 DR. STENZLER: Let me mention if I can, that
16 one of the high school science projects that we've
17 recommended for approval was the high school project,
18 Central High School.

19 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Was the what?

20 DR. STENZLER: Central High School project,
21 the "Look of the Future" project, is included in the

1 recommendation from the IAC today.

2 MR. CLARK: Thank you, sir. Appreciate it.

3 MS. MAURER: Is the County Council and the
4 county executive in support of all your requests?

5 MR. CLARK: Yes, it is. Yes, it is. Thank
6 you. Appreciate it.

7 DR. STENZLER: St. Mary's County.

8 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Okay, St. Mary's.

9 MS. KOZLOVSKY: Good afternoon. It's an
10 honor to be here this afternoon. You think of us in
11 terms of water sports. If you're coming down for a
12 vacation, I would suggest you wait a couple weeks prior
13 to doing that.

14 Earlier this afternoon, we had Senators
15 Simpson, Fowler, and Delegate Wood with us. Today I
16 have Delegate John Slade, and my supervisor of
17 facilities, Bradley Clements, with us. On behalf of
18 our elected officials, the Board of Education and the
19 County Commissioners, we appreciate all of the past
20 support that you have provided to us and the
21 opportunity to request planning approval for the Piney

1 Point Elementary School project.

2 In deference to time, we have submitted our
3 written testimony. We would like you to consider our
4 request for planning approval for Piney Elementary
5 School for three major reasons: number one, to handle
6 the additional capacity needed for our current
7 enrollment; secondly, to deal with the future
8 enrollment which we will see as a result of the Naval
9 expansion at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, now
10 Patuxent Naval Warfare Center. We anticipate over
11 1,000 students joining us as a result of that
12 expansion, and over 400 of those at the elementary
13 level. Our third purpose for our request is because
14 the building has aged. It is over 40 years old; and,
15 as Delegate Slade will tell you, he had an opportunity
16 to be there and may want to add.

17 Again, we thank you for your past support.
18 We are honored to be included in the "Look to the
19 Future" program, which includes the upgrade of our
20 science facilities, and we anticipate an opportunity to
21 participate in the year-round education program. Our

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1 facilities enhance and support our county. We thank
2 you for your past support and hope that you will grant
3 us planning approval.

4 I don't know if my other colleagues want to
5 say anything or not.

6 MR. SLADE: Thank you, Madam Superintendent.
7 Governor, Madam State Treasurer, it's my pleasure to
8 appear here this afternoon on behalf of the St. Mary's
9 County legislative delegation. Governor, as you often
10 say, time is not on our side.

11 As you know, with base consolidation, with
12 the Navy's consolidating its Naval Air Warfare Center,
13 Aircraft Division at Patuxent River, I anticipate that
14 we will experience change that hasn't been experienced
15 since 1943 when the Navy first located in St. Mary's
16 County. So, it's very critical that we be able to move
17 forward to provide for these students who will be
18 coming to our community.

19 The school in question, Piney Point
20 Elementary School, was first opened in the early 1950s,
21 when I was in the third grade. I was one of the first

1 students to enter that school. So, I'm very personally
2 familiar with it. It needs to be renovated and needs
3 to be expanded if we're going to provide for the
4 facility needs of the children that are coming to our
5 community.

6 And I'd like to take this opportunity to
7 thank the Governor for his personal leadership and
8 involvement in preparing Southern Maryland for the
9 changes that are going to take place. And I see other
10 people, Secretary Walsh who's here, has been very much
11 involved in that effort, and all the cabinet
12 secretaries. So, we're most appreciative of their
13 leadership and help in trying to prepare our county and
14 region for the future. Thank you.

15 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you.

16 MS. KOZLOVSKY: Thank you very much.

17 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you very much.

18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you all. Good to see
19 you, John.

20 DR. STENZLER: Somerset County.

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Somerset County.

1 MR. ENT: Good afternoon. It's a pleasure to
2 be here this afternoon. I am John Ent. I am the
3 chairman of Somerset County Board of Education. With
4 me this afternoon, I have our vice-chairman, Mr. Ted
5 Ward; our superintendent, Dr. James Hall; and our
6 director of business and finance, Mr. Ed Barber. Also
7 have Delegate Charles McClanahan; former Delegate Tony
8 Bruce; and Mr. Jay Tawes, a Crisfield area businessman.

9 Governor, I presented you with a copy of our
10 local newspaper with the account of your recent visit.
11 I thought maybe you might enjoy that. With that, I'll
12 turn this over to the director of business and finance.

13 MR. BARBER: Good afternoon. I understand
14 that you have limited time, and I'm going to try to be
15 real brief.

16 Basically, Somerset County is here to appeal
17 the decision of the IAC to defer our request to
18 renovate Crisfield High School. The renovation of
19 Crisfield High School is very important to Somerset
20 County. Our Board of Education about five years ago
21 began an initiative to look closely at our school

1 system to identify the deficiencies within our school
2 system and then to lay out a plan.

3 Part of that plan initially called for the
4 construction of a central high school in our county.
5 After conferring with IAC staff and looking at the
6 matter real closely, they decided, instead, to adopt a
7 much more prudent and fiscally conservative plan using
8 existing facilities to address deficiencies at the high
9 school level and, also, at the middle and elementary
10 school levels.

11 As a result of that decision, we have
12 realigned grades within our schools; we've adjusted
13 school boundaries; we've closed some school facilities;
14 and we are already in the process of adding some spaces
15 to our elementary and middle schools. We're making
16 other adjustments.

17 The culmination of that plan is Crisfield
18 High School. It's one of the two high schools in
19 Somerset county. It is the oldest school, originally
20 constructed in 1954. It was modified again in the
21 early '70s, and now we've reached the point where that

1 building again needs attention.

2 One of the points I think that's important,
3 and I know some of the other gentlemen would like to
4 make a few remarks, but in Somerset County we have had
5 a delegation of people look at this issue. That's
6 included citizens; that's included our business people,
7 politicians; and all of them are united in the fact
8 that Crisfield High School is a priority, is a school
9 building that needs attention within our system, and
10 are willing to commit their resources and time for
11 that.

12 It's not usual for our county government to
13 express their support as strongly as they have in this
14 case, and I know that the material that you have, if
15 you'll notice on the last page, shows a very strong
16 endorsement by our local government and the commitment
17 for the local funds to accomplish this if we can get
18 that support. Thank you.

19 MR. BRUCE: Tony Bruce. I serve as chairman
20 of the Somerset County Economic Development Commission.
21 I chaired the Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee

1 that made the initial recommendation that there be a
2 central high school in the county, because we saw the
3 need to upgrade facilities, particularly in Crisfield.

4 We agree that it is more reasonable and
5 prudent that we accomplish those goals by at least
6 bringing Crisfield High School up to date. We have a
7 problem in the media center. We have a problem in the
8 science facilities; they have not been changed since
9 1954. We see the absolute need that there be a modicum
10 of facility improvements in order for the performance
11 levels to improve. We recognize that facilities don't
12 make for better education per se, but there must be a
13 basic level which we have to have.

14 I do emphasize that we're satisfied with the
15 facilities in Princess Anne, and Crisfield really needs
16 to be on a parity with them. We know of no other way
17 to accomplish this goal; and the community, the County
18 Commissioners, the committees that have done the
19 advice, the Board of Education are united, and we thank
20 you in advance.

21 MR. TAWES: I like to hear Tony Bruce from

1 Princess Anne say he likes to see a renovation in
2 Crisfield High School. That makes me feel real good,
3 and that's why I'm here. I'm here representing the
4 business community, and we certainly feel that the
5 renovation of Crisfield High School is imperative to
6 move forward into the next century for our kids.

7 We have probably the most dedicated teachers
8 anywhere. There's a lot of reasons for that:
9 locality, facilities, salaries, overtime over and above
10 without pay, finance donations to the kids, out-of-
11 pocket dollars, and absence of materials; lot of
12 reasons why we have dedicated teachers there. Teachers
13 are committed to our community.

14 Crisfield High School is a major focal point
15 in our community, a major focal point. The students
16 and the teachers there take great pride and take a lot
17 of interest in our community. The teachers and staff
18 are major players in our civic affairs, more so than we
19 feel in other areas.

20 I've talked to the County Commissioners.
21 It's uncanny that they're all on board on this. The

1 Chamber of Commerce is in strong opinion of this, and
2 the business community feels it's a great marketing
3 tool for us to market ourselves, to create community
4 pride, student pride, and business community pride to
5 sell ourselves in the next 10 to 15 years. Thank you
6 very much.

7 MR. MCCLANAHAN: Governor, Madam Treasurer,
8 Mr. Goldstein, it's my pleasure to be here this
9 afternoon and with these distinguished gentlemen who
10 have supported this project, and I think it's a very
11 worthwhile project. And, Governor, as you know, some
12 good things are starting to happen in Somerset county,
13 and we need this facility to continue our growth in
14 education.

15 I would like to say another thing about the
16 school. My class was the first class to go all the way
17 through the seven years, and at that time you went
18 seven years there; went through that school from 1954
19 to 1960, and that's telling my age. So, it definitely
20 needs that renovation, because it has an energy problem
21 right now with the metal windows, and with the modern

1 thermal-pane windows -- it has never been touched. So,
2 I think it will be a cost savings to the operations of
3 this by doing the renovations.

4 We appreciate your time you've given us today
5 to present our case here, and we thank you.

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you all.

7 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: I tell you, I certainly
8 enjoyed the other night. I saw the business community,
9 everybody together, and I don't want to say I'll
10 support this right now, but you really need it down
11 there. You're moving well.

12 MR. MCCLANAHAN: Right.

13 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: And the fact that you've
14 got everybody working together, I like that. That's
15 good.

16 MR. MCCLANAHAN: Well, we appreciate you
17 coming, Governor. It made a great event having you
18 there, and we thank you.

19 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: It was nice.

20 MR. TAWES: I've raised that other half of
21 that salary.

1 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: You did?

2 MR. TAWES: Yes, sir.

3 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: You've got it then.

4 MR. ENT: We thank you very much.

5 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you.

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you all. Have a safe
7 trip back.

8 DR. STENZLER: Washington County.

9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Washington County, the last
10 one.

11 MR. GERSEN: Good afternoon. My name is
12 Wayne Gersen. I'm superintendent of schools in
13 Washington County. Appreciate the opportunity to
14 present our case directly before you, and thank you for
15 your support in the past.

16 I recognize that you're under some serious
17 time constraints, and for that reason I'm going to
18 reduce my remarks and invite you to read the handout
19 which I think summarizes the points that I would make.

20 Three key messages I want to give: First of
21 all, the funding for these projects is needed to

1 address the growth that we're experiencing in
2 Washington County; the modernization of our high
3 schools -- Smithsburg High particularly is one that
4 we're looking to modernize; and deferred maintenance
5 needs that we have.

6 Second message that I want to give you is
7 that we have worked collaboratively with the County
8 Commissioners, and Dick Roulette, who's the president
9 of the County Commissioners, will talk to that issue.
10 We've put together a very forward thinking and
11 aggressive CIP with local funds. Any additional funds
12 that we can get will supplement the direction that
13 we're moving, and I think it's a very positive one.

14 Finally, Pete Callas, who is the head of the
15 Washington County delegation, is here, along with a
16 number of other legislators who will speak briefly and
17 to the point on these issues.

18 Without further ado, I'd like to turn the
19 microphone over to Dick Roulette.

20 MR. ROULETTE: Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr.
21 Comptroller. I don't know if this is the appropriate

1 forum or not, Governor, but, first of all, I'd like to
2 put some praise on State Highway. You know, Monday we
3 had 17 inches of snow, and I left late yesterday
4 afternoon to come to Annapolis. Interstate 70 was
5 clear, and not just clear, it was bare. There was no
6 snow on 70 at all. The roads crews did an incredible
7 job, incredible job. And, from what I understand, all
8 the way up through Allegany and Garrett County, it was
9 the same response by your people. So, we want to thank
10 you very much for that. Excellent!

11 We're in the fourth year of a five-year,
12 \$5,000,000-per-year commitment to capital projects with
13 the Board of Education, a \$25,000,000 commitment, which
14 is a significant commitment on the part of Washington
15 County as a part of our budget. Over the last two
16 years, during the tough financial times, probably the
17 one budget we didn't cut was our commitment to the
18 capital budget for school construction; and, with your
19 help, the assistance of your funds, we've made some
20 significant improvements in our school system, and
21 probably during the last two years the school

1 construction projects have been the lifeline of the
2 construction industry in Washington County. We've
3 provided a lot of jobs. We've kept companies in
4 business that, perhaps, would not have been able to
5 stay in business had those projects not come about.

6 The point I'd like to make today is that
7 we're not going to back off on our commitment; we're
8 going to continue it. And, if the state finds the
9 means to fund some of the additional funding that we've
10 requested, that commitment that the county government
11 has made is going to stay, and the funds that we can
12 free up as a result of additional state dollars will
13 then be used for other priorities within the school
14 construction program, primarily the expansion of
15 elementary schools which at this point, in many cases,
16 are overcrowded and need additions.

17 So, with that, I'll conclude and thank you
18 very much for all the support you've given us and look
19 forward to working with you in the future. Thank you.

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Your county and Frederick
21 County, there was a big article in The Washington Post

1 the latter part of December, and I've always said
2 Washington County and Frederick are two sleeping
3 giants. You've got railroads, you've got highways,
4 you've got good people, got the worth ethic, got
5 everything in the world there, right in the heartland
6 of that great -- you can't miss in that county.

7 MR. ROULETTE: We were very proud of that
8 article. In my recollection, that's the first positive
9 article we've ever had in The Washington Post.

10 (Laughter.)

11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That was one of the best
12 articles I've seen about any county in Maryland,
13 believe me.

14 MR. ROULETTE: Thank you.

15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: You're welcome. I don't know
16 if you read it or not, Governor.

17 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Yeah.

18 MR. CALLAS: Good afternoon, Governor
19 Schaefer, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, members of
20 the Board. Pete Callas, the chairman of the Washington
21 County delegation. In our delegation, we include the

1 six delegates and our two senators, and they're all
2 here except for John Donohue who has a medical
3 examination in Hagerstown this afternoon and couldn't
4 be here, and, of course, our speaker, and we're very
5 proud of the fact that Casper Taylor is representing
6 Washington County as well as Allegany County.

7 We're here as a part of this triad to support
8 what you have done for us in the past, the IAC in
9 supporting five school projects in Washington County,
10 but also to appeal the decision that would deny the
11 funds for three schools.

12 And, with that, I'm going to turn it over to
13 the representatives from the areas, which is a very
14 fast growing section of Washington County, the
15 population moving from the metropolitan area to
16 Frederick County, now to Washington County. We're
17 experiencing this growth, and I would think it would be
18 best if the delegates and senators from those areas
19 would speak on behalf of the funding for those schools:
20 the Smithsburg High School, the Boonsboro Elementary
21 School, and the Conococheague Elementary School. And

1 we're glad to be a part of the Board of Education and
2 the Board of County Commissioners and the delegation
3 working together as a triad, and it's been that way and
4 it's going to continue that way, and we appreciate all
5 that you have done for us in Washington County.

6 With that, I'll turn it over to Doc
7 McClellan.

8 MR. MCCLELLAN: I just thank you for
9 everything, Governor, as I did when I was here
10 representing Frederick County. Thank you very kindly,
11 Lucy and Louie. Appreciate everything you've done for
12 us in the past.

13 MR. CALLAS: Delegate Poole and Senator Derr
14 together, perhaps, from the Boonsboro area.

15 MR. POOLE: I've learned to follow Doc. I'll
16 just say I'm from the Boonsboro district, and obviously
17 I feel much the way Doc feels, and I think Dick
18 Roulette expressed the points very well. Boonsboro is
19 booming, and we would very much appreciate your support
20 and help. Thank you.

21 MR. DERR: Thank you. Good afternoon,

1 Governor, Lucy, Louie. Good to see you. You've heard
2 all about this. Both the Smithsburg High School and
3 the Boonsboro Elementary School happen to be in my
4 district. And I'd reiterate too, we appreciate all
5 that you all have done and approved for the county
6 already. I think these are good, worthwhile projects
7 and appreciate your consideration of maybe a few more
8 bucks to these schools if you can. Thank you.

9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

10 MS. STUP: I'd like to thank you for your
11 past support and consideration, and thank you for
12 considering any monies that you may find for Smithsburg
13 High School.

14 MR. CALLAS: And I guess Senator -- and my
15 senator, Senator Munson, on the Conococheague School.

16 MR. MUNSON: Good afternoon. Mr.
17 Comptroller, you're right. Somebody said at a
18 reception last night that Washington County was the
19 best kept secret in the State of Maryland. He was
20 right, too.

21 I'd like to speak specifically on

1 Conococheague School for a moment. I support these
2 other projects, but -- well, last night, it got to be
3 about 20 degrees below zero in Washington County. Now,
4 when it gets that cold, when you have a roof that
5 leaks, not only does the water come in when it's a
6 little warmer, but the heat goes out, and that's the
7 problem we're having at Conococheague School; and, if
8 you all could be helpful with that problem, we would
9 certainly appreciate it up there. Thank you.

10 MR. CALLAS: In closing from the delegation,
11 I mentioned Delegate Donohue would have been here. He
12 has an examination. And, as you all know, Delegate
13 Taylor, Speaker Taylor, fully supports the projects.
14 Thank you.

15 MR. GERSEN: I know time is at a premium, and
16 I have two members of the elected Board of Education
17 from Washington County here who are going to defer
18 their remarks: Jan Cerincione, who's the president,
19 and Tom Berry, who's the vice-president.

20 Three years ago, when the MSPP report first
21 came out, Washington County was satisfactory or

1 excellent in two out of eight categories. The last
2 report card, we got 12 out of 13. I think one of the
3 reasons that we've been able to improve is things like
4 the IAC showing its support for us, things like the
5 County Commissioners and the local delegation
6 supporting us. It's been a team effort in Washington
7 County. And I hope that, on one level, that it's kept
8 a secret, because it's a wonderful place to live; but,
9 on another level, I think that Washington County is
10 getting the recognition it deserves. Thanks very much.

11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you all.

12 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you.

13 DR. STENZLER: That concludes the testimony,
14 the appeals from the school systems. On behalf of the
15 Interagency Committee on School Construction and
16 consistent with Section 5-301 of the Education Article
17 and the Rules and Regulations of the Administration of
18 School Construction Program, I respectfully request
19 that the Board of Public Works today approve the fiscal
20 year 1995 Public School Construction Capital
21 Improvement Program as submitted by the Interagency

1 Committee on School Construction.

2 The program for FY '95 totals \$81,000,000,
3 with \$43,361,000 committed to specific projects, and a
4 contingency of \$37.6 million at this time. I would ask
5 you to approve those projects so that they can proceed,
6 and to take the appeals under advisement and to
7 reconvene at a time convenient for you.

8 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Is there a motion?

9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I move that we adopt the
10 recommendation of the Interagency Committee on School
11 Construction consistent with Section 5-301 of the
12 Education Article of the Laws of the State of Maryland
13 and the Rules and Regulations and Procedures for the
14 Administration of School Construction Program.

15 MS. MAURER: Second. And that means that all
16 these appeals will have to be considered from within
17 the \$37,000,000.

18 DR. STENZLER: 37.6 million, yes, ma'am.

19 MS. MAURER: That will be our task.

20 DR. STENZLER: Yes.

21 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Before I call for a vote,

1 I want to thank you, Yale, again for another great job.
2 There's very little criticism of anything that you ever
3 do, because you give it good thought. Even the people
4 that you had to turn down knew that you didn't do it
5 because you wanted to, but there were fiscal
6 constraints in many respects.

7 One of the things that you harp on and is
8 right, they don't get some of the information to you,
9 you don't have it in time. So, if they don't give you
10 the information, you can't make a judgment call. And
11 I'd just suggest to you that the Board would like them
12 to meet those deadlines that you ask and, if we don't
13 meet the deadlines, we can't help them. Some of them
14 just -- they think they can come in at any time, and
15 that's not fair.

16 But there were a couple good things, and I'll
17 only take a minute: the fact that people recognize
18 that the state is helping them. It's a rare occasion
19 when anybody ever pays any attention to the state, but
20 we put almost two billion in and more than -- almost
21 three billion, when you go through the bonds, and they

1 did recognize that. And, second of all, I notice that
2 areas are starting to work together, like Western
3 Maryland, Southern Maryland, which is essential if
4 we're going to move forward.

5 So, with that, all in favor, signify by
6 saying "aye."

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: All opposed, "no."

9 BOARD MEMBERS: (No response.)

10 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: And I thank you, and it's
11 approved. I want to thank you for meeting that three
12 o'clock. At three o'clock, we're closing down except
13 for the essential --

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: May I make one observation?
15 I went through this very thoroughly; and, to me, roofs
16 ought to be given the priority, because if a roof
17 leaks, the whole school is in trouble. And, number
18 two, before the final decision is made on this 37-plus
19 million, I think the Board ought to sit down and have
20 some input as to where that money is going to go.

21 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Oh, we will.

1 DR. STENZLER: Certainly.

2 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: No question about it.

3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you, sir.

4 GOVERNOR SCHAEFER: Thank you.

5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Congratulations to everybody.

6 MS. MAURER: And certainly some of the local
7 budgets can carry that in maintenance. They come in
8 and want every roof to be repaired by the state. I
9 would like to see some evidence that they're doing it.

10 DR. STENZLER: They are.

11 (Whereupon, at 2:35 p.m., the above-
12 entitled meeting was adjourned.)