

**PTA COUNCIL HOWARD
COUNTY**

NOVEMBER 5, 2018

INFORM & ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN

- **PTACHC Meeting with BOE**
- **High School Overcrowding Results**
- **Mitigation – Conditional, One Time and Control**
- **Downtown Columbia Site – Nov 8 Planning Board**
- **Talbott Springs IAC matching and formulas.**
- **High School 13 DRRA Nov 14th, High School #14 Recommendations**
- **MD Question 1 – Revenue “Lockbox”**
- **Policy 6020 – Temporary facilities**

PTACHC MEETING WITH BOE

- New Format – HCPSS Dropped monthly PTACHC report to BOE
- “Community meeting” title caused some confusion for attendees
- In Attendance – most of PTACHC Board, most of BOE, HCPSS reps, Superintendent, Several PTA delegates and candidates
- Hot topics – Mitigation Legislation, Developing and defining “Fully Funded” budgets, After-Prom Liability
- HCPSS recommendation – additional focus on Mental Health
- Survey results shared with BOE

OVERCROWDING OPTIONS

- All options BOE selected were intended to be continued by incoming BOE.
 - More detail pending.
- Options focused on discretionary relocation from overcrowded High Schools to High Schools with available capacity until High School #13 is complete.
- Jumpstart is intended to be utilized and expand as a permanent program.
 - Reference - <https://hcpsstv.new.swagit.com/videos/17345>

MITIGATION

- PTACHC has endorsed a position that growth mitigation for enrollment should match actual costs. I.E. “Market rate”
- Attempts to modify the rates conditional on “Buy-Ups” PTACHC did not support failed last year
- The 2019 General assembly will meet soon and has indicated they will address this.
- 3 or more options are being communicated....
 - A rate change conditional on redistricting
 - A one-time rate change increase
 - A change to local control of rates
- ALL of these are speculative. ANY combination could move forward. PTA members need to be aware of the opportunity to be prepared to address this issue to promote what is beneficial and sustainable for all HCPSS students.
- Be prepared for public hearings soon (TBD) where testimony will be key to achieving best result

References

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/About-HoCo/State-Delegation>

DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA SCHOOL SITE

- Howard Hughes is required to provide a school site as a condition of further development under “CEPPA #17”
- HCPSS has an option to “accept” a school site and has indicated a need.
- Other factors in consideration are site size, location, redistricting, feasibility, legal, short and long-term infrastructure plans.
- School site acquisition is traditionally funded through Transfer Tax revenue
- DPZ is recommending an “alternative compliance” at a November 8 Planning Board Hearing.
- DPZ is utilizing a different enrollment projection methodology in the decision-making process.
 - This could be precedence setting in future enrollment-related decisions.

reference

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Planning-and-Zoning/Boards-and-Commissions/Planning-Board>

TALBOTT SPRINGS

- The Maryland IAC announced it will match funds for a rebuild of Talbott Springs
- Of note – The IAC may have approved matching, but the matching formulas are under consideration for change for each Maryland County.
- State matching for Howard County is currently 55% of specified costs. IAC is considering 54%
- Reference - <http://www.pscp.state.md.us/>

HIGH SCHOOL 13

HIGH SCHOOL 14

- On November 14th, the owner of the Jessup Mission Road site for HS#13 and surrounding quarry will hold a pre-submission meeting to discuss a DRRA submittal
 - Development Rights & Responsibilities Agreements can be minor to very broad reaching, including proffers and exemptions to regulations.
 - Details are unavailable – The public meeting will be first public notice of details negotiated with county
- Last week the Elkridge High School Task Force released it's report. Two sites “the UPS facility” and “Troy Park” were recommended to the BOE for future acquisition.

References

https://data.howardcountymd.gov/Search_Plans/Search_Plans_Web.aspx

<https://bit.ly/2PzIxIU>.

MD QUESTION 1 – “LOCKBOX”

- **MD Question 1 – Revenue “Lockbox”**

- The amendment requires the Governor to include in the annual State Budget, as supplemental funding for prekindergarten through grade 12 in public schools, the revenues from video lottery operation licenses and any other commercial gaming dedicated to public education in an amount above the level of State funding for education in public schools provided by the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act of 2002 (otherwise known as the Thornton legislation) in not less than the following amounts: \$125 million in fiscal year 2020; \$250 million in fiscal year 2021; \$375 million in fiscal year 2022; and 100% of commercial gaming revenues dedicated to public education in fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter. The amendment also requires the Governor to show in the annual budget how the revenues from video lottery operation licenses and other commercial gaming are being used in a manner that is in addition to the level of State funding for public education provided by the funding formulas established by the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act. The State Constitution currently authorizes video lottery operation licenses for the primary purpose of raising money for public education

- Reference - [https://ballotpedia.org/Maryland_Question_1,_Gambling_Revenue_Dedicated_to_Education_Lockbox_Amendment_\(2018\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Maryland_Question_1,_Gambling_Revenue_Dedicated_to_Education_Lockbox_Amendment_(2018))

POLICY 6020 SCHOOL PLANNING - CONSTRUCTION

- HCPSS updated policy 6020 which governs portions of school construction.
- Several terms were updated, policy took effect immediately.
- Notable – BOE instructed Superintendent to review language about relocatable classrooms, specifically involving safety and security.
- Report is pending. Information provided will form general guidance rather than mandatory actions.

Reference - <https://www.hcpss.org/policies/6000/6020-school-planning-construction/>

WRAP-UP

- **Communicate** – keep your PTA aware of local actions and “Big Picture” items
- **It does effect you** – HCPSS is a shared system. All of these items have some effect on education even if they are “not in your neighborhood”.
- **Don’t take it personally** – Howard County is a well-regarded school system. That does not mean there is not room for advocacy and improvement.
- **ACT** – Testify, write, contribute, vote positions, work within PTA bylaws.
- **Repeat** – Find opportunities for improvement, set goals, improve policy and process, educate and inform new stakeholders.