

SEP 2024 PTACHC LEGISLATIVE

FEDERAL ITEMS THAT IMPACT HOWARD COUNTY EDUCATION

MARYLAND STATE ITEMS THAT IMPACT HOWARD COUNTY EDUCATION

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LOCAL ITEMS THAT IMPACT YOUR SCHOOL ONLY

**PTACHC IS AN ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION
THAT ASSISTS NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL UNITS**

**The Number Of Legislative Items
That PTACHC Can Successfully
Advocate For Is Directly Related
To The Amount Of Member Volunteerism**

LONG TERM LEGISLATIVE EFFORT – APFO

THE HOWARD COUNTY ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES ORDINANCE IS A LOCAL REGULATION STARTED IN 1992 THAT REGULATES THE TIMING AND MITIGATION OF DEVELOPMENT IN RELATION TO AVAILABLE SCHOOL CAPACITY ALONG WITH ADEQUACY OF OTHER CAPITAL BUDGET ITEMS.

Basically, it determines allowable or intentional school overcrowding.

GOOD NEWS – APFO IS UP FOR REVIEW FROM NOW UNTIL SPRING 2025 WHERE PTACHC CAN ADVOCATE FOR IMPROVEMENTS



<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/boards-commissions/adequate-public-facilities-ordinance-review-committee>

BAD NEWS – APFO IS UP FOR REVIEW WITH PRESSURE FROM VARIOUS ENTITIES FOR MORE SETBACKS IN STANDARDS

APFO STRATEGY?

- Promote good APFO policy
- Back PTA policy with PTACHC voted positions
 - Communicate shared benefits
 - Preserve or improve standards
 - 100% utilization capacity maximums
- Include all capital budget categories directly impacted by development expansion.
 - Tie impact mitigation to real costs
 - Apply tests to ensure all have adequacy
 - Measure, review and update as a process
 - Focus on long-term solutions
- Clearly communicate assumption impacts

- Discredit APFO altogether
- Present only data that elicits a negative response
 - Label/Shame APFO Supporters
 - Lower standards of adequacy
- Raise class sizes to counter capacity thresholds
 - Promote exemptions without offsets
- Refocus on pre-existing development impact rather than additional development impacts
- Redirect adequacy of facilities into a housing issue
 - Limit time to only cover a minimum items
 - Apply heavy redistricting pressure
- Use “balancing” or “prioritization” to sidestep resource sufficiency obligation
- Redefine development absorption limits as development goals needing incentives

THE 2X EXAMPLE

Many distracting talking points fall apart when applied to this example.

WHAT IF HOWARD COUNTY DEVELOPED ENOUGH HOUSING IN ONE YEAR TO DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS?

***The Student population from development would Double. The amount of students originating from “resales” would remain the same**

***The number of additional new schools needed to be built would be double the amount already in use.**

***The insufficient amount of revenues collected today would double... so would the insufficiency gap.**

HOW TO ASSIST

Communicate your support for a better APFO to elected officials - State Delegation, County Executive, County Council
<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/>

Communicate to the APFO Committee (APFO COMMITTEE CONTACT US LINK)

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Attend and testify at the two APFO public hearings – (tentatively Nov 6)

Communicate to APFO Advisory Committee – The Affordable Housing Working Group

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/boards-commissions/affordable-housing-working-group>

Communicate to the Howard County Blueprint Resources Planning Workgroup.

Communicate to Howard County Planning Board, Local PTA Units, Education related groups.

Attend or watch APFO and APFO related meetings, including HCPSS, MD Dept of Planning and Interagency for school construction.
Provide Feedback

Host APFO learning sessions with PTACHC.

Contact Legislative@PTACHC.org to volunteer as part of a countywide support network.