

February 4, 2020

The Honorable J.B. Jennings
The Honorable Katherine Klausmeier
Maryland State Senate
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1991

The Honorable Lauren Arikan
The Honorable Rick Impallaria
The Honorable Kathy Szeliga
The Honorable Joseph Boteler
The Honorable Harry Bhandari
The Honorable Carl Jackson
Maryland House of Delegates
Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senators Jennings and Klausmeier and Delegates Arikan, Impallaria, Szeliga, Boteler, Bhandari, and Jackson:

We write to reiterate our support for the Built to Learn Act of 2020, legislation that will advance critically-needed construction projects such as the new northeast area middle school and the northeast area elementary school at Ridge Road. It is vital that construction occurs on both schools as quickly as possible.

The bill currently stipulates the following conditions for school construction projects to receive supplemental funding:

Require the county and county board of education to give priority in funding projects to schools:

- a. That are the oldest buildings in the school system with significant facility deficiencies;
- b. With high concentrations of students eligible for free or reduced price meals;
- c. With a high number of relocatable classrooms; or
- d. With a high utilization based on the school's state rated capacity.

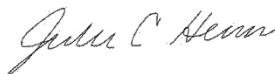
These criteria may potentially impact the sequencing of projects. Please resist any requirements that would jeopardize the construction of both schools that are vitally-needed in northeastern Baltimore County. **The current BCPS Capital Improvement Plan must be funded fully and allowed to continue on schedule unimpeded.**

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation.

Respectfully:



David Marks
Baltimore County Councilman



Julie Henn
Board of Education of Baltimore County