

From: [Kirsten Coombs](#)
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Cc: [Karalee Turner-Little](#); [Kathleen V. Hanks](#)
Subject: Re: Dr. Ball letter re: DRRA
Date: Monday, April 22, 2019 2:38:11 PM

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From: Vicky Cutroneo
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 2:12:51 PM
To: Mavis Ellis; Jahantab Siddiqui; Board & Student Member
Cc: Karalee Turner-Little; Kathleen V. Hanks
Subject: Re: Dr. Ball letter re: DRRA

Jahantab,

Can you please forward the original email with attachment sent to the County Executive's Office?

Thank you,

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From: Mavis Ellis

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 1:56:42 PM

To: Jahantab Siddiqui; Board & Student Member

Cc: Karalee Turner-Little; Kathleen V. Hanks

Subject: Re: Dr. Ball letter re: DRRA

Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached letter that has been sent to the County Executive. Granted not everyone on the Board was in agreement, but it was discussed and reviewed by all and provides the basic tenets of our discussion from the April 11th Board meeting. I have also reached out to Danielle since it looks like there are enough supporters for the statements to be presented at tonight's meetings. She will sign up the Board and since it seems that several of us may want to speak let's touch base on who will be actually talking.

Mavis

From: Jahantab Siddiqui

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 1:34 PM

To: Mavis Ellis

Cc: Karalee Turner-Little; Kathleen V. Hanks

Subject: Dr. Ball letter re: DRRA

Mavis- here you go. I'm sending it to Sam Sidh shortly.

Jahantab

From: [Jennifer Mallo](#)
To: [Chao Wu](#); [Mark Blom](#)
Cc: [Vicky Cutroneo](#); [Kirsten Coombs](#); [BoE Email](#); [Student Board Member](#); [Danielle Lueking](#); [Michael Martirano](#); [Karalee Turner-Little](#); [Kathleen V. Hanks](#)
Subject: Re: Urgent: Fw: Draft DRRRA Testimony for Board Approval
Date: Monday, April 22, 2019 1:56:11 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I can support the draft and I would like to speak tonight to the issues I brought up.

Jen

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From: Chao Wu <chao_wu@hcpss.org>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 12:29 PM
To: Mark Blom
Cc: Jennifer Mallo; Vicky Cutroneo; Kirsten Coombs; BoE Email; Student Board Member; Danielle Lueking; Michael Martirano; Karalee Turner-Little; Kathleen V. Hanks
Subject: Re: Urgent: Fw: Draft DRRRA Testimony for Board Approval

I approve the draft.

Chao

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On Apr 22, 2019, at 11:51 AM, Mark Blom <Mark_Blom@hcpss.org> wrote:

Jen,
There are definite linkages as you noted. Speaking for staff, when we drafted the testimony we hewed to the board discussion to be aligned with points and reasons about which they had been a majority vote by the Board. Additional points can certainly be added, if that's the Board's preference. Mark

From: Jennifer Mallo

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 11:33 AM

To: Vicky Cutroneo; Kirsten Coombs; BoE Email; Student Board Member; Mark Blom

Cc: Danielle Lueking; Michael Martirano; Karalee Turner-Little; Kathleen V. Hanks

Subject: Re: Urgent: Fw: Draft DRRRA Testimony for Board Approval

I would be happy to testify.

I apologize for not getting to this sooner..

My concerns with the current draft are that it does not give sufficient weight to any argument as to how it impacts the school system. For example, it is my understanding that when the Board agreed to this land for HS#13, it was understood that quarry mining had a defined end date of 2029. This DRRRA extends the quarry mining operations under their current permits for much, much longer than 2029, directly impacting the HS13 site.

If this draft moves forward, I would be happy to testify about the linkages between our suggestions and the school system.

Thoughts? Response?

Jen

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From: Vicky Cutroneo <vicky_cutroneo@hcpss.org>

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 11:08 AM

To: Kirsten Coombs; BoE Email; Student Board Member; Mark Blom

Cc: Danielle Lueking; Michael Martirano; Karalee Turner-Little; Kathleen V. Hanks

Subject: Re: Urgent: Fw: Draft DRRRA Testimony for Board Approval

I approve of testimony attached.

Regards,

Vicky Cutroneo

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From: Kirsten Coombs
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 10:46 AM
To: BoE Email; Student Board Member; Mark Blom
Cc: Danielle Lueking; Michael Martirano; Karalee Turner-Little; Kathleen V. Hanks
Subject: Re: Urgent: Fw: Draft DRRR Testimony for Board Approval

I agree with the inclusion of the language as it is strong and demonstrative.

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From: Mark Blom
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 9:03:15 AM
To: BoE Email; Student Board Member
Cc: Danielle Lueking; Michael Martirano; Karalee Turner-Little; Kathleen V. Hanks
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Thank you,
Mark

From: Danielle Lueking
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 2:42 PM
To: BoE Email; Student Board Member
Cc: Kathleen V. Hanks; Mark Blom; Michael Martirano; Karalee Turner-Little
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Thank you.

Danielle Lueking

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Date: Monday, April 22, 2019 2:12:40 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good Afternoon,

Thank you sharing your opinions on the legislation to be discussed this evening. I do find it interesting that no one from the legislative committee has asked to speak. Danielle will sign up the Board and I will begin the discussion of both. Is there anyone who wishes to speak on APFO? Christina and Jen, please decide between you who will also speak on DRRA. I look forward to seeing those who can make it this evening.

Mavis

From: Christina Delmont-Small
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 10:48 AM
To: Mark Blom; BoE Email; Student Board Member
Cc: Danielle Lueking; Michael Martirano; Karalee Turner-Little; Kathleen V. Hanks
Subject: RE: Urgent: Fw: Draft DRRA Testimony for Board Approval

I approve of the testimony attached.

Please sign me up so that I can answer questions from the County Council regarding the DRRA and our position on the DRRA.

Thanks,
Christina

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From: [Vicky Cutroneo](#)
To: [Board & Student Member](#)
Cc: [Karalee Turner-Little](#); [Michael Martirano](#); [Mark Blom](#)
Subject: Urgent: DRRA letter to the County Executive
Date: Monday, April 22, 2019 1:24:47 PM

Colleagues,

I am concerned that the DRRA letter will be sent to the County Executive without open discussion at a public meeting. This is an extremely complex issue with significant long term ramifications and I do not believe that back and forth emails at the last minute after a holiday weekend is the most appropriate nor transparent way to come to consensus. Moreover, I am uncomfortable with votes by phone with no documentation. Given that the public hearing is this evening, with opportunity for Council to ask questions, I still do not understand the purpose of sending a letter or why there was a deadline; there is plenty of time before the County Council votes. We took a unanimous position last week and I'm afraid the letter's verbiage will only detract from and dilute our message of advocacy on behalf of both current and future HCPSS students. Given 3 Board members did not support sending the letter, clearly more discussion was warranted.

Regards,

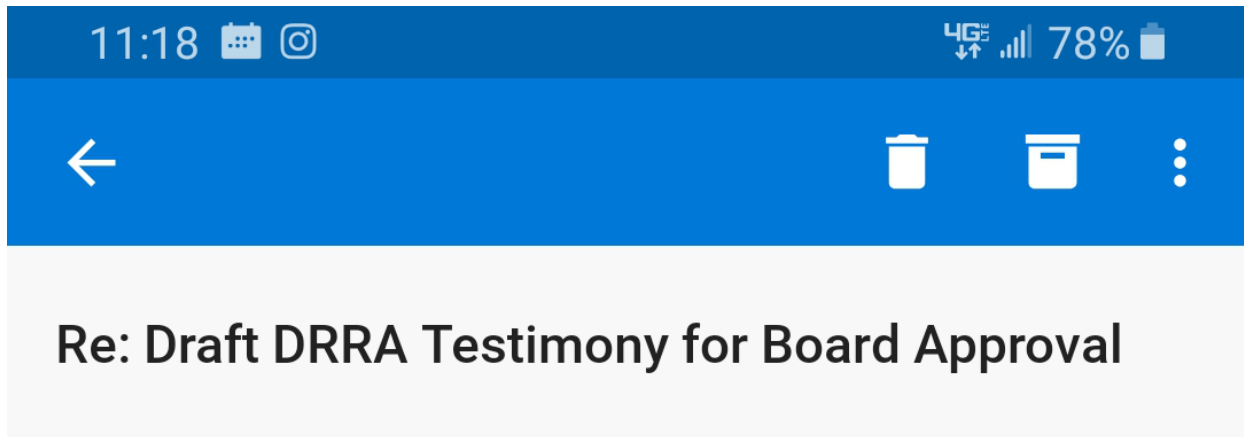
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From: [Mavis Ellis](#)
To: [Kirsten Coombs](#)
Subject: Re: Response to CE Re: DRRRA
Date: Monday, April 22, 2019 1:06:40 PM

Need to know where you stand on this asap. Ambika, Chao, Sabina and I support. Jen, Vicky, and Christina are against sending the letter.

From: Kirsten Coombs
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 11:19 AM
To: Christina Delmont-Small; Karalee Turner-Little; Jennifer Mallo; Mavis Ellis; Vicky Cutroneo
Cc: BoE Email; Jahantab Siddiqui; Mark Blom; Michael Martirano
Subject: Re: Response to CE Re: DRRRA

We have been asked to respond by today.



Karalee Turner-Little
Danielle Lueking, BoE Email, + 7

Apr 17



Board members,

The County Executive's Chief of Staff has reached out to us concerning the DRRRA. The county would like clarification **in writing by Monday April 22** from the Board that the motions passed at the April 12, 2019 BOE meeting are meant to advise the County Council and County Executive on the DRRRA and that the Board is still committed to HS 13 not being delayed.

The county understands the Board's concerns and is working with the owners of the property to revise the DRRA; however, they believe it is unlikely that all the motions can be incorporated in the updated DRRA.

With your approval, we would like to send the attached testimony along with a letter to the County Executive on your behalf.

 Reply to All



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From: Vicky Cutroneo
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 11:16:57 AM
To: Christina Delmont-Small; Karalee Turner-Little; Jennifer Mallo; Mavis Ellis
Cc: BoE Email; Jahantab Siddiqui; Mark Blom; Michael Martirano
Subject: Re: Response to CE Re: DRRA

Colleagues,
I agree with Ms. Delmont-Small to not send letter and with Ms. Mallo's sentiments.

Regards,
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From: Christina Delmont-Small
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 10:43 AM
To: Karalee Turner-Little; Jennifer Mallo; Mavis Ellis
Cc: BoE Email; Jahantab Siddiqui; Mark Blom; Michael Martirano; Anissa Brown Dennis
Subject: RE: Response to CE Re: DRRA

All,

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I am opposed to sending the letter.

Sincerely,
Christina

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Take care,
K

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Jen

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From: Mavis Ellis <mavis_ellis@hcpss.org>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 3:48 AM
To: Christina Delmont-Small
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Date: Monday, April 22, 2019 11:15:42 AM

I am concerned about sending the letter at this time. I appreciate open lines of communication and our work to foster them, but am not sure why we are being given a deadline. Can you please confirm majority consensus before sending? I had assumed that someone would be reaching out to me over the weekend per KTL suggestion. I hope we are not creating an artificial crisis by rushing into sending this letter.

Jen

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Subject: Re: Draft DRRA Testimony for Board Approval
Date: Monday, April 22, 2019 4:01:51 AM

Good Morning,

Even elected Board members should be able to take a break to be with family on religious holidays. That's why you got no response from me. What I would like to see today are copies of the letter I recommended that had some changes and also one with the changes Christina and Kirsten recommended. I do think it is important to have open communication with the County Executive as we work on the budget.

My goal is to arrive in Maryland in time to meet with Jtan around 11.

Mavis

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2019, at 9:43 PM, Karalee Turner-Little <Karalee_TurnerLittle@hcpss.org> wrote:

Hi Mavis and Kirsten,

Once you have connected with Board members on all edits, please send those to Jahantab by Sunday night. He will send the final version to all Board members and will have the final ready for Mavis' signature on Monday.

Take care,
K

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Please see attached.

Jahantab

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I've asked Jahantab to respond to this email with the letter to the CE as it stands now...we want the letter to accurately reflect the Board's position and will await direction.
K

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On Apr 19, 2019, at 2:07 PM, Christina Delmont-Small <Christina_Delmont-Small@hcpss.org> wrote:

All,

Since we have not seen the revised draft letter to the County Executive, I'm concerned that it still includes language that we did not expect all of our amendments to be incorporated into the final DRRR.

The Board was very clear in its position regarding the DRRR and passed motions to approve our amendments in an 8-0 vote. Any letter to the County Executive must be consistent with the motions and the intent of the Board.

In addition, the testimony to the County Council on the DRRR also must reflect our position that we are opposed to granting the property owner special exemptions to laws related to zoning/development and the operation of

the quarry.

Neither document should state any expectation that our amendments will not be given the same consideration as any other amendments proposed by other organizations or individuals.

I request that the final draft of the letter to the County Executive be shared with the entire Board, and input provided, prior to any letter being sent, as well as a final draft of the testimony be share with the entire Board, and input provided, prior to the finalization of the testimony.

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Cc: Michael Martirano <Michael_Martirano@hcpss.org>; Jahantab Siddiqui <Jahantab_Siddiqui@hcpss.org>; Anissa Brown Dennis <Anissa_BrownDennis@hcpss.org>; Mark Blom <Mark_Blom@hcpss.org>
Subject: Re: Draft DRRRA Testimony for Board Approval

Good Morning, All,

This email is to respond to several issues and events coming next week. I hope I have the order of everything correct. Monday April 22nd, the County Executive will present his budget to the County Council, Wednesday April 24th the County Council will hold it's public hearing on the budget and the Board will have an Administrative/Closed meeting, and then Thursday April 25th the Board will meet with students, have a retreat, a

regular meeting followed by a public hearing on the budget. We have a lot going on! In terms of the two DRRRA items, I have advised Karalee to send the letter to the County Executive with a few minor revisions and I will reach out to Danielle with recommendations for the County Council Testimony. Also Board members, if you have recommendations for the statements on Resolution No.19 -2019 or County Bill 17-2019 please weigh in.

Hope everyone is having a great day.

Mavis

From: Christina Delmont-Small
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 8:38 PM
To: Karalee Turner-Little; BoE Email
Cc: Michael Martirano; Jahantab Siddiqui; Anissa Brown Dennis; Mark Blom
Subject: RE: Draft DRRRA Testimony for Board Approval

All,

Please verify with Mr. Blom: I believe that the DRRRA is **not** the agreement to purchase the land for HS #13 – it is a separate document that is referenced in the Purchase and Sale Agreement to purchase the land on which to build schools (HS #13 and another future school) and the land for the water tower. The Purchase and Sale agreement (which mentions the DRRRA) sets the terms of the sale and purchase of the Mission Road property.

It is premature to acknowledge that our motions will not be incorporated in the DRRRA and weakens the position we have taken on the amendments.

At this stage in the process, the County Council is

responsible for amending and voting on the DRRA, **not** the County Executive (the County Executive may ask a member of the County Council to offer an amendment to the DRRA, however the County Council would have to vote for the amendment).

I also suggest adding language to the sentence regarding the balancing of capacity that reflects the critical need to balance capacity because the residential development in the county has outpaced the funding of capital projects and our ability to build schools to accommodate the children of Howard County.

Also, I would include Mr. Washington's phone number as well.

Sincerely,
Christina

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From: Karalee Turner-Little
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To: BoE Email <boe@hcpss.org>
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Jahantab Siddiqui <Jahantab_Siddiqui@hcpss.org>; Anissa
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Subject: FW: Draft DRRA Testimony for Board Approval

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Many thanks,
K

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CC: County Council

From: Danielle Lueking <Danielle_Lueking@hcpss.org>

Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 2:42 PM

To: BoE Email <boe@hcpss.org>; Student Board Member <Student_Member@hcpss.org>

Cc: Kathleen V. Hanks <Kathleen_Hanks@hcpss.org>; Mark Blom <Mark_Blom@hcpss.org>; Michael Martirano <Michael_Martirano@hcpss.org>; Karalee Turner-Little <Karalee_TurnerLittle@hcpss.org>

Subject: Draft DRRA Testimony for Board Approval

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on the County's DRRA legislation for review and approval by the Board. Please let me know the Board's preference for written/oral testimony on this topic as well for the 4/22 hearing.

Thank you.

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From: [Christina Delmont-Small](#)
To: [Vicky Cutroneo](#); [Jennifer Mallo](#)
Subject: Brief Notes on DRRRA
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2019 11:00:15 PM

From our discussion:

Reference the Board of Appeals case: after review of pertinent documents believe DRRRA in direct conflict with BA Case N. 95-58E

The BOE decision made to place HS #13 at Mission Road was made based on information that was available to the Board at the time: it was the understanding that the quarry operations would cease after 25 years of operation (unless the property owner was able to obtain permission from the county to continue operations)

The exemption of yet another large property in light of new APFO changes that will take effect this summer could potentially lead to student population growth beyond our current capital infrastructure

The DRRRA exempts the property owner from the renewal of the special exception to operate the quarry from the established legal process and the opportunity for the public to provide input into the process

Using the decision to place HS #13 at Mission road to circumvent the customary legal, zoning process.

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From: [Jennifer Mallo](#)
To: [Kathleen V. Hanks](#); [BoE Email](#)
Subject: minutes quarterly cc and boe suggested revision
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2019 4:13:43 PM

Kathy,

On page 2 of the minutes, I would suggest that it would be more accurate to record that the PTACHC did not support the DRRRA (not the developer's rights).

Jen

Jennifer Swickard Mallo
Howard County Board of Education Member
410-355-7043 Direct
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From: [Jennifer Mallo](#)
To: [Danielle Lueking](#); [Karalee Turner-Little](#)
Cc: [BoE Email](#); [Student Board Member](#); [Kathleen V. Hanks](#); [Mark Blom](#); [Michael Martirano](#)
Subject: Re: Draft DRRRA Testimony for Board Approval
Date: Friday, April 19, 2019 11:48:52 AM

Danielle, KTL,

What, if anything, do you need from Board members?

Jen

Jennifer Swickard Mallo
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From: Danielle Lueking <danielle_lueking@hcpss.org>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2019 10:56 AM
To: Karalee Turner-Little
Cc: BoE Email; Student Board Member; Kathleen V. Hanks; Mark Blom; Michael Martirano
Subject: Re: Draft DRRRA Testimony for Board Approval

Good morning,

I was referring to the Council's public legislative hearing on Monday 4/22 where the DRRRA is one of the proposed Resolutions.

Danielle Lueking

On Apr 19, 2019, at 9:56 AM, Karalee Turner-Little <Karalee_TurnerLittle@hcpss.org> wrote:

Danielle,
Thanks for your patience. We have so much going on! Please clarify what hearing you are referring to ---I know there is a budget presentation from the CE on Monday and a budget hearing on Wednesday. Are you referring to the CC Legislative hearing on 4/22?

Mavis mentioned that she has edits for this testimony and Christina also weighed in. Since Monday is a holiday, please connect with Board members to ensure the testimony reflects their edits.

Many thanks,
K

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From: [Kirsten Coombs](#)
To: [BoE Email](#); [Karalee Turner-Little](#)
Cc: [Michael Martirano](#); [Jahantab Siddiqui](#); [Anissa Brown Dennis](#)
Subject: Re: Draft DRRA Testimony for Board Approval
Date: Thursday, April 18, 2019 3:07:56 PM

Looks fine to me.

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From: Karalee Turner-Little
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 3:06:36 PM
To: BoE Email
Cc: Michael Martirano; Jahantab Siddiqui; Anissa Brown Dennis
Subject: FW: Draft DRRA Testimony for Board Approval

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From: [Vicky Cutroneo](#)
To: [BoE Email](#)
Cc: [Kathleen V. Hanks](#)
Subject: FW: DRRRA Language
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019 3:06:59 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: Danielle Lueking <Danielle_Lueking@hcpss.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 1:10 PM
To: Vicky Cutroneo <Vicky_Cutroneo@hcpss.org>
Cc: Mark Blom <Mark_Blom@hcpss.org>
Subject: DRRRA Language

Ms. Cutroneo,

Per your request for Mark and I to develop potential amendments for the Board to adopt based on your concerns with specific areas of the DRRRA, below are our thoughts.

The Board is interested in seeing the site selected for High School #13 move forward to maintain the construction timeline and meet the expected opening date of 2023. Therefore, through outreach/testimony by the Board, support of continued discussion between the County Council and the property owner to amend the DRRRA may best serve the interests of the County as well the soon-to-be adjacent school community members. Suggested amendments to ensure the continued rights of the property owner to use the land do not supersede existing law and regulations at the time of land development and/or renewal of quarry operations are as follows:

Section 1.2 Quarry Use gives the property owner additional rights beyond what the County already allows for quarry operations. Should environmental or other health and safety regulations change after the effective date of the agreement, the property owner would be exempt. Such measures are adopted for the benefit of all Howard County residents and as such should apply county-wide without the added burden of demonstrating incompliance with new laws/rules/regulations/policies is impacting health, safety and welfare. AMENDMENT = Strike this section in its entirety.

Section 1.3 Undeveloped Petitioner Property Use gives the property owner additional zoning, development and building exemptions beyond what they are currently subject to. Should, for instance, the developer decide to put housing on the adjacent property, they would be exempt from APFO regulations which may otherwise stall residential development in the region due to overcrowding in local schools. AMENDMENT = Strike this section in its entirety.

Section 5.2 Term gives the developer a 25 year term for the provisions outlined in the agreement. During such an extensive length of time, many laws and regulations are bound to change. A shortened term, with perhaps options to review/renew at intervals determined by the Council, may better serve the County.

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From: [Vicky Cutroneo](#)
To: [Board & Student Member](#)
Cc: [Karalee Turner-Little](#); [Kathleen V. Hanks](#)
Subject: BOE position, DRRA
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019 9:14:28 AM

Colleagues,

On Tuesday I met with Mark and Danielle regarding a Board position on the DRRA for HS13; unfortunately the late filing did not allow the legislative committee to meet/discuss, as the public hearing is the last day of spring break. Danielle has been working on request for amendments and I have asked that this be provided to you for consideration prior to our meeting today (I will be making motion for Board to take position).

Regards,
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From: [Mavis Ellis](#)
To: [Vicky Cutroneo](#); [Jennifer Mallo](#); [Kirsten Coombs](#); [Carrie A. Slaysman](#); [Board Member's Email](#); [Michael Martirano](#); [Mark Blom](#)
Cc: [Anissa Brown Dennis](#); [David K. Larner](#); [Jahantab Siddiqui](#); [James R. LeMon](#); [Jason J. McCoy](#); [Jennifer R. Peduzzi](#); [Kathleen V. Hanks](#); [Kevin Gilbert](#); [Marcy Leonard](#); [Mark Blom](#); [Monifa McKnight](#); [Patrick J. Saunderson](#); [Rafiu Ighile](#); [Ron K. Morris](#); [Theo Cramer](#); [Thomas McNeal](#); [William J. Barnes](#)
Subject: Re: Update: County Allocation Proposal for FY 2020Cpital Budget
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 9:28:22 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good Morning,

All I can say, is that there have been a number of discussions about this over the past few days with the county executive and his staff, a very brief administrative session, and an announcement from the county executive on yesterday. A lot of information have not been formally approved. Our communities may be living under false expectations. So, Mark Blom, do we need to have a closed meeting to review our considerations before moving to a vote at our next open Board meeting?

Mavis

From: Vicky Cutroneo
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:56 PM
To: Jennifer Mallo; Mavis Ellis; Kirsten Coombs; Carrie A. Slaysman; Board Member's Email; Michael Martirano
Cc: Anissa Brown Dennis; David K. Larner; Jahantab Siddiqui; James R. LeMon; Jason J. McCoy; Jennifer R. Peduzzi; Kathleen V. Hanks; Kevin Gilbert; Marcy Leonard; Mark Blom; Monifa McKnight; Patrick J. Saunderson; Rafiu Ighile; Ron K. Morris; Theo Cramer; Thomas McNeal; William J. Barnes
Subject: Re: Update: County Allocation Proposal for FY 2020Cpital Budget

To allow a deeper, more dynamic discussion and given the importance and potential ramifications of any decision made, I would prefer a communication platform other than email exchanges. Is this allowed/possible?

Vicky

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From: Jennifer Mallo <jennifer_mallo@hcpss.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 5:32 PM
To: Mavis Ellis; Kirsten Coombs; Carrie A. Slaysman; Board Member's Email; Michael Martirano
Cc: Anissa Brown Dennis; David K. Larner; Jahantab Siddiqui; James R. LeMon; Jason J. McCoy; Jennifer R. Peduzzi; Kathleen V. Hanks; Kevin Gilbert; Marcy Leonard; Mark Blom; Monifa McKnight;

Patrick J. Saunderson; Rafiu Ighile; Ron K. Morris; Theo Cramer; Thomas McNeal; William J. Barnes
Subject: Re: Update: County Allocation Proposal for FY 2020Cpital Budget

Dr. M,

If we were to change priorities (and lower HS #13) and redistrict to balance capacity across the system, what would be the impact on reliance on additional portables?

Jen

Jennifer Swickard Mallo
Howard County Board of Education Member
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From: Mavis Ellis <mavis_ellis@hcpss.org>

Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 5:07 PM

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Subject: Re: Update: County Allocation Proposal for FY 2020Cpital Budget

Good Afternoon,

I think our three priorities should stay our three priorities....High School 13, Talbot and Hammond. How can we go back on some of our neediest schools and not provide capacity in those areas. Yes we may need some systematic work done across the county, but changing out commitments midstream makes this Board and the Superintendent look very inconsistent as we prepare for redistricting. My feeling is that we can get County support for projects in the future if we continue to collaborate with them in a positive way.

Mavis

From: Kirsten Coombs

Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 3:58 PM

To: Carrie A. Slaysman; Board Member's Email; Michael Martirano

Cc: Anissa Brown Dennis; David K. Larner; Jahantab Siddiqui; James R. LeMon; Jason J. McCoy; Jennifer R. Peduzzi; Kathleen V. Hanks; Kevin Gilbert; Marcy Leonard; Mark Blom; Michael Martirano;

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Subject: Re: Update: County Allocation Proposal for FY 2020 Capital Budget

Dr. M,

I respectfully disagree. TSES MUST be replaced. Also, the HaHS addition/ renovation is long overdue and could draw from the same area as HS 13. For my part, I would delay HS 13 as I am skeptical about the DRRRA passing as it stands currently.

Kirsten

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From: Michael Martirano

Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 1:11:37 PM

To: Carrie A. Slaysman; Board Member's Email

Cc: Anissa Brown Dennis; David K. Larner; Jahantab Siddiqui; James R. LeMon; Jason J. McCoy; Jennifer R. Peduzzi; Kathleen V. Hanks; Kevin Gilbert; Marcy Leonard; Mark Blom; Michael Martirano; Monifa McKnight; Patrick J. Saunderson; Rafiu Ighile; Ron K. Morris; Theo Cramer; Thomas McNeal; William J. Barnes

Subject: RE: Update: County Allocation Proposal for FY 2020 Capital Budget

Board Members,

This significantly reduced appropriation from the Board's original request of \$92, absent of a complete commitment of the bonds needed over the next four years for our three major projects (Talbot Springs ES, New HS#13, Hammond HS) will set the Board up for tougher decisions next year to delay one of these projects.

In order to manage community expectations and to be transparent to the public, it would be my recommendation that the Board discuss making that decision this year. My recommendation would be that we delay the TSES Replacement as the other two projects are driven by a looming need for additional seats at the high school level.

MJM

From: Carrie A. Slaysman <Carrie_Slaysman@hcpss.org>

Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:42 PM

To: Board Member's Email <restrictedboard@hcpss.org>

Cc: Anissa Brown Dennis <Anissa_BrownDennis@hcpss.org>; David K. Larner <David_Larner@hcpss.org>; Jahantab Siddiqui <Jahantab_Siddiqui@hcpss.org>; James R.

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Subject: Update: County Allocation Proposal for FY 2020 Capital Budget

Good afternoon,

The attached confidential memorandum is submitted on behalf of Dr. Michael J. Martirano.

Thank you.

Carrie

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From: [Vicky Cutroneo](#)
To: [BoE Email](#)
Cc: [Jahantab Siddiqui](#)
Subject: DRRA
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 7:10:24 PM

Colleagues,

FYI here is the legislation as it was pre-filed today for the DRRA execution.

<https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/LegislationDetail.aspx?LegislationID=12238>

Also pre-filed today by Councilwoman Walsh was Legislation to increase wait times for developments that feed into schools deemed closed on the open/closed charts

<https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/LegislationDetail.aspx?LegislationID=12230>

Regards,

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From: [Kirsten Coombs](#)
To: [Michael Martirano](#); [Anissa Brown Dennis](#)
Cc: [Karalee Turner-Little](#); [BoE Email](#)
Subject: Confidential - Follow up to Calvin's meeting on HS 13 & 14 sites
Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019 12:44:55 PM

Dr. M,

I heard through the grapevine that you had a meeting with Liz Walsh about Mission Rd. I assume she is not in favor of the DRRRA, which we had already known, but was there any further discussion about a HS 14 site?

Have you had any other discussions with anyone following the Calvin meeting regarding these sites?

Given our agenda tonight on the design report, I assume people will be focused on it. But given the nature of the discussion, we can't have these talks in public.

Thanks,
KC

Regards,

Kirsten Coombs
Vice Chair
Howard County Board of Education

667-786-3867

From: [Christina Delmont-Small](#)
To: [Kathleen V. Hanks](#)
Cc: [BoE Email](#)
Subject: DRRA Referenced Documents
Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019 11:22:37 AM

Good Morning,

A number of documents are referenced (but not included) in the December 19, 2018, *Chase LLC and Annapolis Junction Holdings, LP, Petition for Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement*. Would you please ask our contact at the county for copies (electronic versions are fine), or if we have copies, please forward them.

The documents I'm requesting are listed below by page number and paragraph:

Page 1 of 16, Paragraph 6

Purchase and Sale Agreement dated as of September 14, 2018, by and between Chase and Howard County (the "Chase Agreement") and Purchase and Sale Agreement dated as of September 14, 2018, by and among Petitioner and Howard County (the "Petitioner Agreement" and collectively with the Chaw Agreement, the "Sales Agreement")

Page 2 of 16, Paragraph 8

Howard County Board of Appeals Decision and Order dated April 24, 1997 in BA Case No. 95-58E and Correction to Decision and Order dated July 11, 2000 (collectively, the "Special Exception Approval")

Page 2 of 16, Paragraph 15

Determination by the Planning Board, Exhibit B (the exhibit was not attached to the DRRA)

Thank you,
Christina

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From: [Sabina Taj](#)
To: [Scott Washington](#)
Cc: [Jennifer Mallo](#); [BoE Email](#); [Kirsten Coombs](#); [Michael Martirano](#); [Karalee Turner-Little](#); [Anissa Brown Dennis](#); [Jahantab Siddiqui](#); [Renee Kamen](#); [Kathleen V. Hanks](#); [Marilyn Grosskopf](#)
Subject: Re: [External] HS #13 DRRRA and Turf Valley
Date: Monday, March 4, 2019 9:49:43 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Thank you, I would like to join that as well. Can we meet at BOE?

Sabina

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 4, 2019, at 2:43 PM, Scott Washington <Scott_Washington@hcpss.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

I am available on that date. We can tentatively schedule for 11 am. Would you like to meet at Central Office or come to my office at Mendenhall Court?

Scott W. Washington | Director
Capital Planning and Construction
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School Planning – Capital Budget – School Construction

From: Jennifer Mallo
Sent: Sunday, March 03, 2019 12:26 PM
To: Scott Washington; Kirsten Coombs; BoE Email; Michael Martirano; Karalee Turner-Little; Jahantab Siddiqui; Renee Kamen; Kathleen V. Hanks; Anissa Brown Dennis
Cc: Marilyn Grosskopf
Subject: RE: [External] HS #13 DRRRA and Turf Valley

I would like to request a briefing regarding all property acquisitions. Can it possibly be scheduled for 22 March anytime 10:30 or later?

Regards,
Jennifer

From: Scott Washington <Scott_Washington@hcpss.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 3:58 PM
To: Kirsten Coombs <Kirsten_Coombs@hcpss.org>; BoE Email <boe@hcpss.org>; Michael Martirano <Michael_Martirano@hcpss.org>; Karalee Turner-Little <Karalee_TurnerLittle@hcpss.org>; Jahantab Siddiqui <Jahantab_Siddiqui@hcpss.org>; Renee Kamen <Renee_Kamen@hcpss.org>; Kathleen V. Hanks <Kathleen_Hanks@hcpss.org>; Anissa Brown Dennis

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Subject: RE: [External] HS #13 DRRRA and Turf Valley

Dear Ms. Coombs,

Please see the below in regards to the Turf Valley and Mission Road properties:

Turf Valley: Subsequent to the Board's closed session on the Phase I ESA on the property, staff at the direction of the Board wrote a letter from Dr. Martirano to the County Executive stating the following:

"The Board maintains its interest in the Turf Valley site acquisition, contingent upon each of the following:

1. Receipt of a Phase II environmental assessment, based on a scope of analysis approved by the Board, whose results are acceptable to the Board in its sole discretion;
2. If in the Board's judgment remediation of the site is needed, and if the Board accepts the site, the scope and success of any remediation must be approved by a third-party environmental consultant approved by the Board; and
3. If in the Board's judgment remediation of the site is needed, and if the Board accepts the site, the Board shall not be responsible for any costs associated with remediation, testing, or consultants.

Given these important contingencies, I recommend that any sales agreement with the property owner include provisions ensuring that final acceptance of the property is conditioned upon satisfaction of the above-contingencies."

The County Executive does intend to move forward with this purchase. The procurement of this site, however, requires Council approval since funds will be dispersed over two fiscal years. It was recommended that HCPSS and DPW have another conversation with the owner regarding permission to perform a Phase II ESA. The last HCPSS requested permission, the property owner indicated he would not allow HCPSS on the property for a Phase II ESA without a signed sales agreement.

Mission Road: Staff continues to work with the County on purchase of site. The remaining item for closing of sale is the DRRRA. The DRRRA would allow for the continued operation of the quarry under the existing conditional use. The DRRRA needs to be approved by County Council and the Planning Board. The proposal to delay the closing between the County and property owner would hinder the property transfer for construction to begin.

Thank you,

Scott W. Washington

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From: Kirsten Coombs

Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 2:40 PM

To: Jahantab Siddiqui

Cc: BoE Email; Michael Martirano; Chiefs

Subject: Re: [External] HS #13 DRRRA and Turf Valley

Could we get more details and dates of the two situations?

New Board members may need briefing on Turf Valley.

Kirsten Coombs

Vice Chair

Board of Education

Howard County Public School System

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Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 27, 2019, at 1:54 PM, Jahantab Siddiqui <Jahantab_Siddiqui@hcpss.org> wrote:

Board members,

Dr. Martirano asked that I share the information below that we provided to the County earlier today in response to their questions.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Jahantab

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jahantab_Siddiqui@hcpss.org

Date: February 27, 2019 at 12:37:56 PM EST

To: "Sidh, Sameer" <ssidh@howardcountymd.gov>

Cc: "Delorenzo, Carl"

<cdelorenzo@howardcountymd.gov>

Subject: RE: [External] HS #13 DRRRA and Turf Valley

Sam and Carl,

Thank you for reaching out and for your questions.

HS13: We've discussed the possible delay of the HS13 site settlement and have some concerns. With the already tight timeline for construction and opening for 2023, any delay could impact in several ways. At the minimum it would be our preference that the County expedite the transfer of the property to HCPSS by as much as time as the closing is delayed by. We have to start construction 4/2020 and we must own the property prior to the State allowing us to build on it. Ownership could also impact whether we are able to put it out to bid and seek approval of the bids. If the closing date keeps moving and the transfer date keeps moving, it could give the State reason to question our ownership of the site and hold approval or willingness to deal on the site. There is also another piece – the delay of the county's construction of the public road and water tower would create timing and access issues for contractors and would impact costs. The Board voted to move forward with this site based on the planned 2023 opening and any changes to that timeline would need to go back to the Board.

Re: Turf Valley. You are correct that we are responsible for Phase II. As we requested in the October letter (referenced in the letter Dr. Martirano provided to the County Exec recently), we have requested that the County amend the sales agreement to allow for a Phase II as well as any remediation that may be required as a result. Once the agreement stipulates the Phase II assessment and any remediation needed, we will move forward with the Phase II assessment.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Jahantab

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From: Sidh, Sameer <ssidh@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 5:09 PM
To: Jahantab Siddiqui <Jahantab_Siddiqui@hcpss.org>
Cc: Delorenzo, Carl <cdelorenzo@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: [External] HS #13 DRRRA and Turf Valley

Jahantab,

Good catching up just now, and thanks for your help with the above items. In recap:

- HS #13 DRRRA: Please let me know if there are any issues related to the construction schedule if we approach the seller about pushing back the good faith pre-file date (4/19) and the closing (6/28) date.
- Turf Valley: We believe that the School System is responsible for Phase 2 environmental assessments, and that once complete, we can move forward on our end with the transaction. Please let me know if that is correct on your end.

Thanks!

Sameer Sidh
Chief of Staff
Office of County Executive Calvin Ball
(410) 313-0809

From: [Sabina Taj](#)
To: [Kirsten Coombs](#)
Cc: [BoE Email](#); [Karalee Turner-Little](#); [Anissa Brown Dennis](#); [Michael Martirano](#)
Subject: Re: County Council meeting
Date: Friday, January 18, 2019 10:50:05 PM

Kirsten:

Who added opportunity gaps to the agenda. Was it Council?

I think it's an important discussion to and would not want it taken out. I'm not opposed to adding an item to the agenda, however.

Thanks,
Sabina

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 18, 2019, at 2:17 PM, Kirsten Coombs <Kirsten_Coombs@hcpss.org> wrote:

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> All,

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> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kirsten Coombs](#)
To: [BoE Email](#)
Subject: Fwd: Mission Rd DRRA
Date: Friday, January 18, 2019 3:43:11 PM

As a reference for my earlier email

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Cc: Karalee Turner-Little <Karalee_TurnerLittle@hcpss.org>, Mark Blom <Mark_Blom@hcpss.org>, Anissa Brown Dennis <Anissa_BrownDennis@hcpss.org>, Scott Washington <Scott_Washington@hcpss.org>, Michael Martirano <Michael_Martirano@hcpss.org>
Subject: Mission Rd DRRA

Speaking with Liz Walsh today... She said that the County Council had received the DRRA for the Mission Rd site. I asked her to forward it to us if appropriate.

Please let me know if you have trouble accessing it. Sorry to send on the beginning of the winter break.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K0b76XUMytJthqbOnPAbQ8JO_13n9-Je/view

Regards,

Kirsten Coombs
Board Member

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From: [Kirsten Coombs](#)
To: [Mavis Ellis](#)
Subject: Re: County Council meeting
Date: Friday, January 18, 2019 3:36:20 PM

Drra- developer rights and responsibilities

The county council might not approve the purchase of the Mission Road site.

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On Jan 18, 2019, at 2:32 PM, Mavis Ellis <Mavis_Ellis@hcpss.org> wrote:

What is DRRA? Why are you saying a divided vote?

Mavis

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From: Kirsten Coombs
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 2:17:55 PM
To: BoE Email
Cc: Karalee Turner-Little; Anissa Brown Dennis; Michael Martirano
Subject: County Council meeting

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From: [Chao Wu](#)
To: [Scott Washington](#)
Cc: [Christina Delmont-Small](#); [Board Member's Email](#); [Kathleen V. Hanks](#); [Anissa Brown Dennis](#); [Karalee Turner-Little](#); [Michael Martirano](#); [Marilyn Grosskopf](#); [Daniel Lubeley](#); [Renee Kamen](#); [David W. Ramsay](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Greetings from Jessup
Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018 9:39:40 PM

Scott,

That will be great.

Thanks.

Chao

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On Dec 13, 2018, at 4:25 PM, Scott Washington <Scott_Washington@hcpss.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

We completely understand your comments. The HCPSS staff has raised the subject with the County in past conversations and will continue to advocate for neighborhood sidewalks. We will confer with PTO staff on the status and next steps in the conversation as it relates to Mission Road and update the Board with more specific information as soon as possible.

Scott W. Washington | Director
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School Planning – Capital Budget – School Construction

From: Christina Delmont-Small
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 12:33 PM
To: Scott Washington; Chao Wu
Cc: Board Member's Email; Kathleen V. Hanks; Anissa Brown Dennis; Karalee Turner-Little; Michael Martirano; Marilyn Grosskopf; Daniel Lubeley; Renee Kamen; David W. Ramsay
Subject: RE: [External] Greetings from Jessup

Good Afternoon,

Mr. Washington, thank you for the clarification.

My concern is with the construction of sidewalks on county property, not HCPSS property. At the recent community meeting held by the county about HS#13, the impression of the attendees was that the county was NOT planning to construct any sidewalks in the neighborhoods that are perceived to be walking distance to HS#13.

I appreciate that we will build sidewalks on HCPSS property, however, if there are no sidewalks outside of HCPSS property boundaries, then it is more difficult for students to walk to school. Although sidewalks are not necessary for students to be classified as walkers (students in many neighborhoods are walkers and there are areas where there are no sidewalks) if we are building a new school and there is an opportunity for the county to provide sidewalks that will increase the safety/ability of students to walk to school, then the HCPSS staff and BOE should work together to lobby our county government sooner than later.

What is the status of the discussions between HCPSS and the county government regarding the walk zone for HS#13 and the availability of sidewalks in the area?

Thank you,
Christina

Christina Delmont-Small
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From: Scott Washington
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 11:05 AM
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Subject: RE: [External] Greetings from Jessup

Good Morning All,

I think that there may be some confusion in regards to this issue. Please note that staff continually works with the County's transportation department on "safe routes to school" and this will continue prior to the start of the elementary school. As the county secures funding for sidewalks, bike paths, etc., they contact HCPSS staff for recommendations and opinions about the connections. Installation of sidewalks and securing the funding is the responsibility of Howard County DPW and Transportation. The HCPSS Pupil Transportation Office (PTO) annually recommends connections to our schools (please note that the Office of School Planning hired an intern to assist in the

identification of opportunity gaps for walkers this past summer to help inform PTO's recommendations to HoCo Transportation).

Please understand, we are not waiting to design more connections on our property. With HS 13 we will build/design the necessary sidewalk infrastructure within our property boundaries. When ES 43 is built, we will review that portion of the site for additional access ways based on that school's layout. We will also look in conjunction with the County to identify additional connections from our school site to County built (or proposed) sidewalks.

I hope that this response helps to clarify this issue.

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From: Christina Delmont-Small
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 10:36 AM
To: Chao Wu
Cc: Board Member's Email; Kathleen V. Hanks; Anissa Brown Dennis; Scott Washington; Karalee Turner-Little; Michael Martirano; Marilyn Grosskopf
Subject: RE: [External] Greetings from Jessup

All,

I am restricting my response to BOE and HCPSS staff only.

I agree with Dr. Wu – why would sidewalks be delayed until the elementary school is built? Are there no students of high school age who live within the walk zone for high school students?

The planning/building of sidewalks falls within the jurisdiction of the county council and the county executive. As with our own capital budget, projects need to be placed on the list years earlier than they are needed to ensure that funding will be available.

Therefore, I suggest the following:

- A. Ask the Office of School Planning and the Office of Transportation to provide to the BOE the location and number of high school students (based on current students) who live within the walk zone for HS#13 for 2023 and beyond.
- B. If there are high school students who fall within the HS#13 walk zone, express our concern to the county council and the county executive that there is no plan for infrastructure to enable these students to walk to HS#13 and that this will increase transportation costs and limit students from having the

opportunity to stay after school for additional academic assistance and clubs.

- C. Ask the superintendent how HCPSS (and the BOE can support) working with the county council and county executive to ensure that the necessary infrastructure (sidewalks) that fall within their purview are funded and built in a timely fashion to maximize the funds we spend on our capital projects (schools).

Thoughts?

Christina

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From: Chao Wu
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 11:43 PM
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Subject: RE: [External] Greetings from Jessup

I agree with Becky and Ken's sentiment (I removed her from this email). We should not wait until the elementary is designed and built.

We should be able to get involved earlier with the sidewalks in the design stage.

Can any staff share some experience on this kind of work in the school construction?

Thanks.

Chao

From: [Becky McKirahan](#)
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 12:43 PM
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DYungmann@howardcountymd.gov; [Superintendent](#)

Cc: [Anissa Brown Dennis](#); [Scott Washington](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Greetings from Jessup

Dear Ms. Hanks,

Thank you so much for taking the time and responding to our email. We so appreciate the follow-up.

I do find it very disappointing that 'once the elementary school is designed and built, HCPSS intends to review opportunities for additional connections to adjacent neighborhoods'. Understanding the long process that sidewalks take to put in vs cost of transporting children, means that it would be years and years before it could happen and wasted money. I have discovered that Project Number K5064 has been in the capital budget since at least 2011 for Mission Road Sidewalks from Heritage Woods up to Guilford. This project that was intended for our community years ago will now be very advantageous for the school community.

Thanks again,

Becky & Ken

From: Kathleen V. Hanks <Kathleen_Hanks@hcpss.org>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Becky McKirahan <Becky@TacoBird.com>; cball@howardcountymd.gov; BoE Email <boe@hcpss.org>; EWalsh@howardcountymd.gov; OJones@howardcountymd.gov; CRigby@howardcountymd.gov; DJung@howardcountymd.gov; DYungmann@howardcountymd.gov; Superintendent <superintendent@hcpss.org>
Cc: Anissa Brown Dennis <Anissa_BrownDennis@hcpss.org>; Scott Washington <Scott_Washington@hcpss.org>
Subject: RE: [External] Greetings from Jessup

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McKirahan:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. I have reached out to school system staff and they stated that the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) staff actively participates with County staff in identifying safe routes to schools, and supporting the county's capital projects that directly support HCPSS school sites. At the site's buildout, the road planned for the HS 13/ES 43 campus will contain a sidewalk. Once the elementary school is designed and built, HCPSS intends to review opportunities for additional connections to adjacent neighborhoods. School system staff has spoken with Jim Irvin, Director of the Department of Public Works, as late as last week, and the purchase and sale of this site is still on track. The transfer to HCPSS will occur by the end of 2019.

HCPSS staff also actively identifies gaps in sidewalks/pathways as they relate to

connectivity to schools and surrounding neighborhoods, which would allow for walkers. These recommendations are forwarded to the County as they develop their annual capital funding projects. In addition, as projects surrounding schools are developed, staff participates with the subdivision review committees to identify possible pathway connections.

I hope this information is helpful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact the Board again, if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

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Subject: [External] Greetings from Jessup

To Our Leaders of Howard County,

Congratulations to our newly elected officials and welcome back to our incumbents. I know many of you know our story, and yet, I will take this opportunity to review the last eleven months and what we are now advocating for moving forward.

Our family has lived off Mission Road, in Jessup, for nearly 23 years. Our only daughter has attended ██████ ES, ██████ MS and ██████ High School. We also proudly host exchange students through AFS, and currently our fifth 'exchange daughter' is in █ grade with ██████. I have my own company and volunteer on our PTSA and in our community.

I must be honest to say I always kept in touch with what was happening at our school level and only really skimmed the headlines of what was happening at our County Level. We knew High School #13 was planned to go across from our Heritage Woods neighborhood and we supported the concept even though our own daughter would have graduated by the time it opens. The forest for the future school site was cleared in November/December 2017. Then Friday, January 5th, 2018 after a closed-door

meeting, the Board of Education announced they have ruled out the Mission Rd. site as a potential candidate for the next high school (HS #13).

We spent the weekend pondering what would happen to the cleared 77 acres. Monday morning dawned, and I started to call everyone I could think of. I started with the quarry, asking them who owned the land and they told me they still did. I asked what happens if the county does not purchase the land for the school and they told me it will still be developed. I did my research, it is zoned mixed use, anything could go there. I then called county officials and The Board of Education and asked them "Why Not Jessup?" I was told by several people that we didn't think Jessup cared, no one spoke up.

We quickly realized we had to do something. We started a Facebook group, we created a website www.tinyurl.com/whynotjessup, and we spoke to as many people as possible. We then spent three very intense months researching, advocating, defending and attending as many meetings as possible. We understood that the larger population of students is in the Elkridge area, unfortunately the land does not exist there and the land that could be made available, would certainly not be ready to build on by 2023 like it is in Jessup, an area that was planned since May 2016 to have a high school. On March 8th, 2018 the Board of Education voted to approve the Mission Road site for HS #13.

That was great news, now we can go back to our regular lives and get caught back up on life, right? Well, we knew we had to continue to follow the process and ensure all goes smoothly.

In September, I started looking into sidewalks for the new school. One of the reasons several BOE members voted for this location was due to the neighborhoods that surround it and the probability of walkers. I dug through websites and budgets, I sent more emails. I soon discovered that sidewalks need to be part of the Capital Budget and that Mission Road will need a lot of work before sidewalks can be built. I was assured the school system is very involved with providing feedback to the county.

We attended a community meeting, where the civil engineering group Fisher, Collins and Carter (which works for county) presented the plans for the school to our community. The thing that stood out the most was that they were told to NOT PLAN on many walkers, because of the current situation of sidewalks.

We also attended another community meeting in November, where the quarry owners, Chase LLC, presented that they are asking the county for the DRRRA (Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement) to protect the quarry by allowing them to continue blasting at the same level and frequency as they currently do, after the school opens. This must be voted and approved by our new County Council and County Executor for the land purchase to be completed.

Which brings me back around to this email and contacting you all today. We now

realize we must ask for your support for the DRRA to complete the purchase. As we know, several of our high schools are grossly overcrowded. We need to open this high school in 2023 and need your support in making sure this purchase goes through. We also need your support in trying to connect the Guilford Area to this new school with sidewalks. Giving students access to the school and fields helps with inclusion for our community and saves the taxpayers money on buses. I equate this to paying rent (paying for buses) vs. a mortgage (invest in sidewalks).

We are here in Jessup, we do care, and we will continue to advocate. We appreciate your continued support of our community.

Respectfully,

Becky & Ken McKirahan