



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The Honorable Marc Elrich
Montgomery County Executive
Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, Maryland 20850

The Honorable Nancy Navarro
President, Montgomery County Council
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mr. Elrich and Ms. Navarro:

We are writing to share an update on our work with the Poolesville community to engage with them around their interests regarding Poolesville High School. The Poolesville community has both advocated for the need to address facility needs at Poolesville High School and expressed interest in combining multiple services and civic elements, including the high school, together in the Town of Poolesville.

We appreciate the growing energy around a multi-use facility in Poolesville that includes Poolesville High School and community services. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) staff members, including the director, Division of Capital Planning, Department of Facilities Management, in the Office of the Chief Operating Officer, have participated in a number of these discussions. Many of the public services that the Town of Poolesville would like considered as part of a multi-use facility are under the jurisdiction of the County Government. To date, we have had informal conversations with County Government agencies about these possibilities. In his October 24, 2018, letter to Mr. James E. Brown, president, Commissioners of Poolesville, then Board of Education President Michael A. Durso expressed the Board's support for this work. As you both begin work in your new leadership roles, please be assured that our staff is eager to engage with you and all stakeholders to work on this project concept and develop possible solutions to benefit the Town of Poolesville by implementing coordinated public services in an innovative facility.

At the same time, MCPS will proceed to plan for capital facility improvements at Poolesville High School that are needed to benefit the infrastructure and programmatic needs of the school. The Board's requested Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2019–2024 Capital Improvements Program include direction to develop a project scope of work and conduct initial planning and design for a major capital project at Poolesville High School. We believe that it will be important to advance both of these conceptual approaches simultaneously so that multiple options are available for consideration moving forward.

As MCPS conducts a comprehensive Key Facility Indicator analysis of all of our schools, we want to maximize the work we can bring to our facility infrastructure needs at schools such as Poolesville High School. This planning and design work will be important to ensure that the specific facility needs at Poolesville High School are addressed in a timely manner as we integrate our efforts as part of a focused strategic planning process.

We look forward to continuing to work with County Government and the Town of Poolesville in this creative endeavor around locating and coordinating public services within communities. We would like to discuss next steps at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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