



## **HB1000 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE INCENTIVE FUNDING ACT OF 2019**

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

### **SUPPORT**

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The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County supports **HB1000 School Maintenance Incentive Funding Act of 2019**. This bill requires the Governor to include the lesser of 1) an amount equivalent to a local school systems Maintenance of Plant expenditures, or 2) 3% of the total operating funds expended by a local school systems in aggregate in the annual State budget for each county board of education to support the maintenance of school buildings and equipment. The bill also requires this appropriation to be in addition to any other State funds provided to a county board of education in the second prior fiscal year, and it requires each county board of education to use funds only for the maintenance of school buildings and equipment.

AACPS strongly supports the development and funding of adequate and equitable State and federal programs to assist localities with public school construction, renovation, and major maintenance projects. AACPS and other local school systems have maintenance backlogs and existing equipment deficiencies that could be better addressed with additional State funding. Ongoing fiscal constraints and the need to fund compensation enhancements and additional teachers for class size reductions have further curtailed available funding for maintenance activities. Properly maintaining and extending the useful life of our existing infrastructure aligns with the Sound Stewardship goal of the AACPS Strategic Plan. This legislation would result in approximately \$20,326,190 of new State revenue, which would help support Maintenance of Plant activities at AACPS. The additional State funding in this legislation would allow AACPS to better align its maintenance activities with best practices.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** committee report on HB1000.