

# RESOLUTION

## School Construction Funding for Harford County Public Schools

**WHEREAS**, the Harford County Council of PTA, Inc. believes that modern, safe, and healthy educational facilities for all students will result in better-educated students; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate, up to date, school buildings are critical to providing high-quality learning opportunities for all children; and

**WHEREAS**, aged school buildings create health and safety hazards for our children; and

**WHEREAS**, overcrowded schools limit instruction in subjects that require space and special materials, use of makeshift classrooms do not appropriately serve learning needs, have detrimental effect on student and teacher morale, and contribute to an unsafe learning environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harford County Government is making great strides in ensuring a safe, healthy high quality learning environment for all students through new school construction with a comprehensive school facilities plan and a dedicated revenue source to support such efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harford County Council of PTAs advocated the passing of Enabling Legislation to create a dedicated revenue source, and the Harford County Council enacted Impact Fee legislation to support additional dedicated revenues for school construction/renovation efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harford County Council is considering legislation to repeal the Impact Fee with no consideration to another dedicated revenue source;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Harford County Council of PTA, Inc. opposes the repeal of the Impact Fee by the Harford County Council and any action by the Harford County Council, the Harford County Government, and/or the State of Maryland that would reduce dedicated school construction revenue; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Harford County Council of PTA, Inc. submits to the Harford County Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, the local, state and federal government, that the safety and welfare of our children be its highest priority.