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75% FY 2023 CIP

At the December 16 IAC Meeting, IAC staff presented recommendations for 75% of the preliminary school construction allocation for the FY 2023 Capital Improvement Program. Recommendations included program allocations and planning approvals for 22 Local Education Agencies and the Maryland School for the Blind (MSB).

12 LEAs and MSB provided testimony and the IAC unanimously approved of the allocations and approvals as recommended by staff. These approvals of \$156 million total can be found in the [December Meeting Agenda on the IAC website](#).

Additional recommendations to reach 90% of the total construction allocation will be presented to the IAC for approval before March 1, 2022, and final recommendations will be made by May 2022.

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School Spotlight

Northern High School in Calvert County

In August of 2016, the official groundbreaking of the Northern High School replacement project in Calvert County took place, commencing a multi-year/multi-phased project.

The project consisted of a new 204,000 square foot three story school building, a new administration building, and the renovation and addition of the existing Cultural Arts Center. New construction was followed by the demolition of the existing high school and adjacent gymnasium and the addition of a new bus loop and parking lots, summing up to a total \$69 million dollars in construction.

Northern High School achieved LEED Silver Certification by USGBC in recognition of the sustainable practices and features designed into the school. Points were awarded for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, material selections, and indoor air quality. To highlight some implemented systems: the geothermal field under the existing baseball field, which provides the school with a state-of-the-art HVAC system; an assortment of LED light fixtures installed throughout the buildings to provide energy efficiency; an underground water cistern that collects water from the roof system to irrigate the athletic fields; and water efficient toilet fixtures reducing water usage by 35%. These methods not only scored the school to a Silver status, but also took their place in the classroom.

Every student of Northern HS receives 10 hours of learning per year regarding the school's sustainable practices and systems. This prepares students with knowledge and awareness of the importance of climate protection, commitment to the community, and about the great effects a building can have on the environment and learning.

Although the high school was officially completed in the summer of 2020... (continued on next page)



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...students were able to occupy the new school in January 2019 due to effective planning and phasing by the construction team and Calvert County Public Schools.

This project allowed growth in enrollment through added program spaces and redesigned facilities. It now has seats for 1,440 students versus the 1972 building that seated only 1,223. Calvert County has exemplified the meaning of “modern-day education” and have been expanding their efforts to modernize their school portfolio. The contractor was selected this past October as the recipient of an Excellence Award by the Associated Builders and Contractors Chesapeake Shores chapter for their outstanding work on the Northern High School Project. The school was also a finalist for the U.S. Green Building Council 2021 Maryland Community Leader Award.

The IAC is excited to host our next Facility Planner Meeting in March 2022 at Northern High School.




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Reference Guide for the New Maintenance Effectiveness Assessment

This new Reference Guide serves as a descriptive and visual tool of the building components that are assessed during a maintenance-effectiveness assessment (MEA).

The Guide covers the 25 building component categories that are assessed and provides a list of common components and common deficiencies, as well as photographic examples of the five potential ratings a building system category and facility can receive.

Open the Reference Guide 

Boilers, Water Heaters, Steam, & Hot-water Distribution

	<p>Good</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of systems functioning normally with no signs of deterioration, corrosion, leaks, or delivery issues; Evidence of issues that may require minor repairs or cleanup but do not affect structural integrity or intended uses; and Evidence of routinely above-standard custodial and maintenance practices. 	 <p>Adequate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of systems functioning normally with few signs of deterioration, corrosion, leaks, or delivery issues; Evidence of issues that may require repairs or cleanup but do not significantly affect structural integrity or intended uses; and Evidence of regular competent custodial and maintenance practices.
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Dates to Remember

January 13, 2022 at 9:00 AM
IAC Meeting, Virtual

February 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM
IAC Meeting, Virtual

March 2022
Facility Planner Meeting, Northern High School (invitation only)

March 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM
IAC Meeting, Virtual