



# IAC

THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION  
ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

# SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER



Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary photos courtesy of Charles County Public Schools

## Pass-Through Grants

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Appropriated as part of the FY 2023 capital budget bill, \$237 million is to be distributed to specified LEAs for school construction projects selected by County Governments.

The application is now open and will close on April 30, 2023.

Projects that received funding from the IAC in FY 2023 or earlier are not eligible for Pass-Through Grant (PTG) funds. Allocations will be made as block grants and a local match is not required.

The Administrative Procedures Guide, FAQ, and application form are available [on the IAC website](#).

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# 100% CIP

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On May 11, 2022, the IAC approved 100% of the available Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funding for Fiscal Year 2023. Projects from 22 school systems and the Maryland School for the Blind were approved, with \$412 million in awards made for 130 projects including 36 major construction projects and 80 systemic renovations. 14 projects also received planning approval. Requests for FY 2023 CIP funds totaled \$510 million.

FY 2023 CIP  
Publication



100%  
Allocations



East Middle School Replacement, photo courtesy of Carroll Co. Public Schools | West Salisbury Elementary, photo courtesy of Wicomico Co. Public Schools

## In Case You Missed It: Partner Agency Name Change

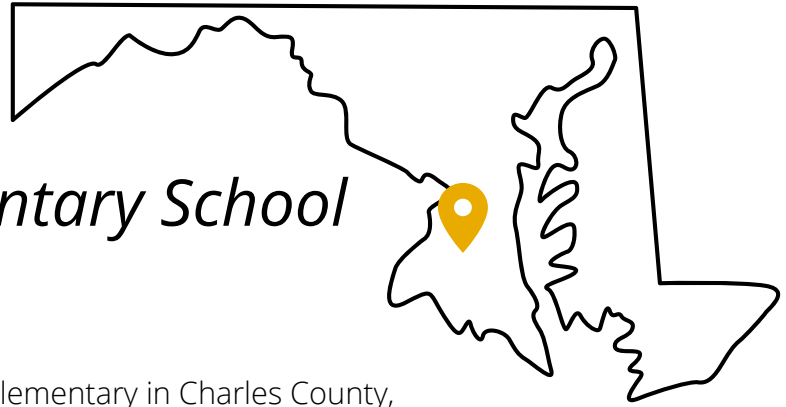
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School Facilities Branch  
(SFB)

Office of School Facilities  
(OSF)

## School Spotlight

### *Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School in Charles County*

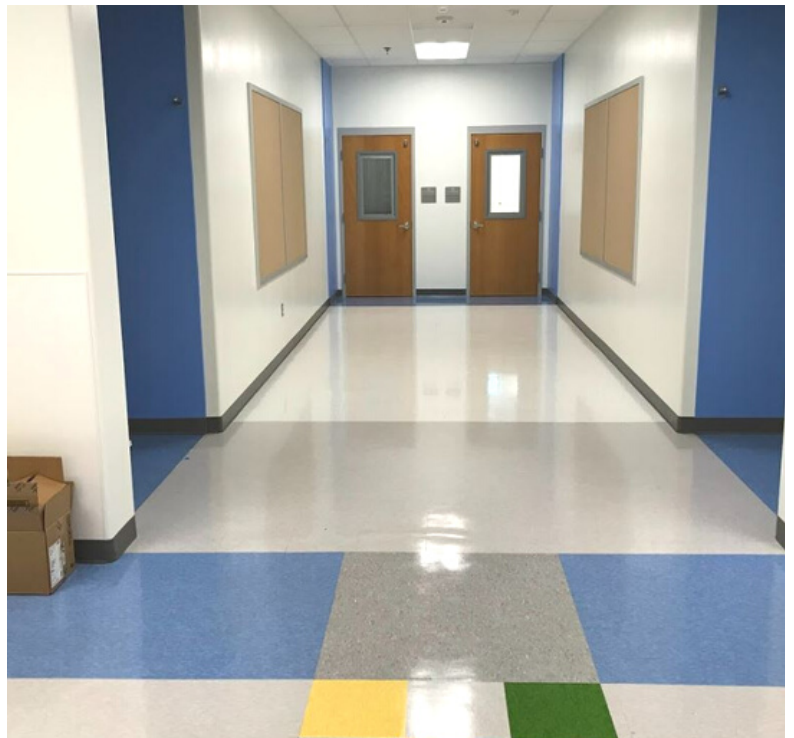


The limited renovation project at Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary in Charles County, supported by State funding in the FY 2022 CIP, achieved a high quality renovation of the 1974 building within a reasonable budget of approximately \$5.3 million. Consisting of educational program enhancements and system upgrades, the project addressed 32,833 sf of the 64,819 sf facility.

Originally constructed as an open space learning environment, the project enclosed the open space and installed new flooring and ceilings for the classrooms and corridors. Enclosing the classrooms also allowed for a creation of flex classroom spaces, collaborative learning areas, and instructional support rooms. As a result, all of the enclosed learning spaces have seen drastic improvements in acoustics and lighting versus the cubical style partitions that were used previously. Additionally, lighting, electrical, and plumbing systems were renovated to support the new layout and the aging PA system and the 1974 portion of the roof both received full replacements. Adjustments were also made to the HVAC systems to address the new layout, a necessary follow up to the 2014 replacement of the school's rooftop units, variable air volume systems, and boilers.

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) also addressed the health, security, and accessibility of the school through a renovated health suite, removal of asbestos, new guided vestibule entry, and the creation of additional ADA compliant bathrooms in the classroom and office areas. The music and art classrooms had their finishes refreshed.

Additionally, CCPS provided local funds to increase the scope of the project and address glazing in need of replacement, added storefront, and replacement of VCT in adjacent areas to the open space conversion to achieve a consistent flow throughout the newly renovated spaces....



## School Spotlight

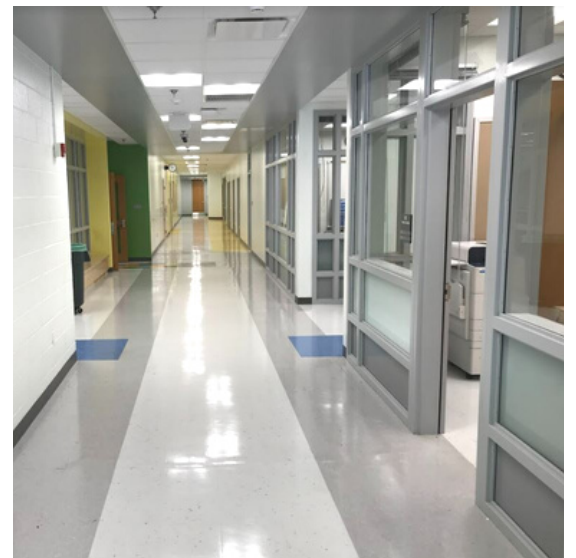
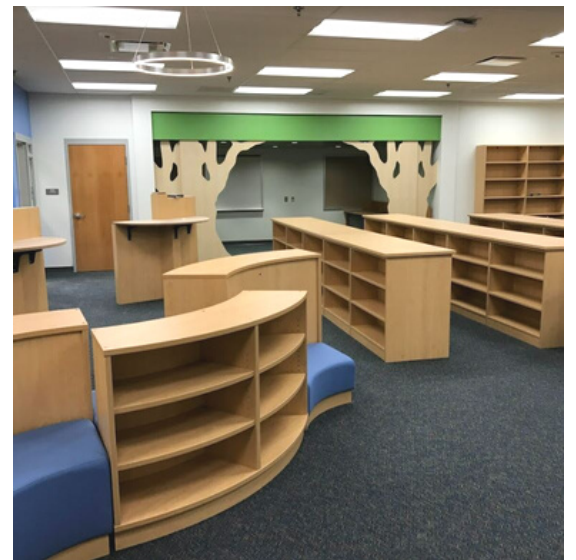
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...Rounding out the project to provide improvements to the usability of spaces, replacement casework was installed in the classrooms and media center, and the administration suite was renovated.

Together, the numerous elements of this renovation project improve the overall function of the school to better meet the needs of the community's teachers and students.

Quality work was completed in all areas of this project, and particularly notable is CCPS' adherence to the limited \$5.3 million budget, especially during the midst of cost increases and other obstacles related to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the large number of updates included in the scope of the renovation.

During the renovation, CCPS utilized swing space in the LEA's Transition School, which has been used during the renovations of several school facilities in the county, in order to minimize disruptions to learning for the school's 379 Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade students. The project is expected to be occupied and completed in August 2022 in time for the 2022-2023 school year.



# New IAC Member

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**Michael E. Darenberg**, a Baltimore County resident and business owner, has a history of advocacy for Baltimore County Schools, notably advocating for the installation of air conditioning systems in school facilities. Mr. Darenberg is the District 6 member of the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission for the 2021-2025 term, a position to which he was appointed by Governor Larry Hogan. Mr. Darenberg serves on the IAC as the Governor's appointee as of the spring of 2022.



# Happy Retirement to Bob Gorrell!

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We wish a happy and well deserved retirement to former IAC Executive Director Bob Gorrell, who retired from State service in May. You will be missed! Deputy Director for Field Operations, Alex Donahue, was appointed Acting Executive Director by the IAC.

At his final IAC meeting on May 11th, Bob was presented with a plaque from the IAC:  
*Thank you for your service to the Interagency Commission on School Construction. Your nearly five decades of experience in the architectural and construction industry, of which more than two were dedicated to improving statewide school facilities portfolios, contributed to your outstanding leadership during a time of immense change in the Maryland school construction program. During your tenure, you provided a clear and powerful vision to guide the IAC as it works to achieve a safe, healthy, educationally sufficient, and fiscally sustainable learning environment for every child in Maryland.*



Bob Gorrell (R) with Sil Upadhyay, IAC Director of IT

And a Governor's Citation:

*Be it Known: That on behalf of the citizens of this State, in recognition of the 6 years of dedicated and outstanding service you have made on behalf of the Interagency Commission on School Construction... in honor of the high level of professionalism, expertise and commitment you have demonstrated throughout your distinguished career; and as the people of Maryland join in expressing our great respect, admiration and sincere best wishes on the occasion of your retirement, we are pleased to confer upon you this Governor's Citation.*

# Statewide Facilities Assessment Info Packet

The Statewide Facilities Assessment (SFA) Info Packet was designed for LEAs, stakeholders, and the general public to understand and share information about the SFA.

Download the  
SFA Info Packet



## Welcome to New Staff!

We are happy to introduce several new staff members who joined us this spring. Please continue to use [iac.pscp@maryland.gov](mailto:iac.pscp@maryland.gov) for your submissions to ensure prompt routing to the appropriate staff member.

### IAC

Tom Lockman, Chief Financial Officer  
SaRita Hall, Funding Programs Assistant  
Sheron Johnson, Funding Programs Assistant  
Paul Gainer, Administrator of Programs and Finance

### OSF

Jo Anne Murray, School Facilities Architect

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## Dates to Remember

July 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM  
IAC Meeting, Virtual

August 11, 2022 at 9:00 AM  
IAC Meeting, Virtual

September 8, 2022 at 9:00 AM  
IAC Meeting, Virtual