

July 13, 2022

The Honorable Senator Guy Guzzone
Chair, Senate Budget and Taxation
3 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Delegate Ben Barnes
Chair, House Appropriations
Room 121
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairs Guzzone and Barnes,

The Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) in consultation with the Maryland Alliance of Public Charter Schools (MAPCS) is providing a progress update on the report on the condition of public charter school facilities in Maryland. Page 187 to 188 of the FY 2023 Joint Chairmen's Report requires that the IAC, in consultation with MAPCS, provide a report on a number of facility data points for each charter school in the State by December 31, 2022. To facilitate maximum transparency and to receive timely feedback, IAC and MAPCS are providing this progress update prior to the deadline.

There are currently 49 public charter schools in operation in 6 counties. Charles County is starting operation of one public charter school in the 2022-23 school year, which will bring the total to 50 operational charter schools. A majority of charter schools (33) operate in Baltimore City, 9 operate in Prince George's County, 3 operate in Frederick County, 2 operate in Anne Arundel County, and Baltimore County and St. Mary's County operate 1 charter school each (see Attachment 1).


The IAC and MAPCS are in the process of developing a survey (see Attachment 2) that will be distributed to all 50 charter schools to collect the information requested on page 187-188 of the Joint Chairmen's Report. Upon receipt of the survey data, the IAC and MAPCS will analyze the survey responses and produce the final report.

The current projected timeline to complete the report is as follows:

- Distribution of the Survey: July
- Collection of Survey: August
- Final Report: September

Please contact me at Alex.Donahue@maryland.gov or Cassandra Viscarra at Cassandra.Viscarra@maryland.gov with questions or concerns.

Best Regards,



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Attachment 1: Maryland Public Charter Schools

	LEA	Charter School Operator	School	Address	Grades Served
1	Anne Arundel	Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation	Chesapeake Science Point Public Charter School	7321 Parkway Drive South, Hanover, 21076	6 - 12
2	Anne Arundel	The Children's Guild	Monarch Academy	6730 Baymeadow Dr., Glen Burnie, 21060	K-8
3	Baltimore City	Five Smooth Stones Foundation	Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys	2525 Kirk Ave., Baltimore 21218	4 - 8
4	Baltimore City	Baltimore International Academy, Inc.	Baltimore International Academy East	4410 Frankford Ave., Baltimore, 21206	K - 8
5	Baltimore City	Baltimore International Academy, Inc.	Baltimore International Academy West	4300 Sidehill Rd. Baltimore 21229	K - 8
6	Baltimore City	Foundation for BLSYW, Inc.	Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women	128 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, 21201	6 - 12
7	Baltimore City	Baltimore Montessori, Inc.	Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School	1600 Guilford Ave., Baltimore, 21202	PK - 8
8	Baltimore City	City Neighbors Foundation	City Neighbors Charter School	4301 Raspe Ave., Baltimore, 21206	K - 8
9	Baltimore City	City Neighbors Foundation	City Neighbors Hamilton	5609 Sefton Ave., Baltimore 21214	K - 8
10	Baltimore City	City Neighbors Foundation	City Neighbors High School	5609 Sefton Ave., Baltimore 21214	9 - 12
11	Baltimore City	Baltimore Curriculum Project	City Springs Elementary/Middle	100 S. Caroline St., Baltimore 21231	PK - 8
12	Baltimore City	Patterson Park Public Charter School, Inc.	Clay Hill Public Charter School	6410 E. Pratt St., Baltimore 21224	K-3
13	Baltimore City	Baltimore Teacher Network, Inc.	ConneXions: A Community Based Arts School	2801 N. Dukeland St., Baltimore 21216	6 - 12
14	Baltimore City	Coppin State College Development Foundation Inc.	Coppin Academy High School	2500 W. North Ave., Baltimore 21216	9 - 12
15	Baltimore City	Creative City Public Charter School, Inc.	Creative City Public Charter School	2810 Shirley Ave., Baltimore 21215	K - 5
16	Baltimore City	The Empowerment Center, Inc.	Empowerment Academy	851 Braddish Ave., Baltimore 21216	PK - 8
17	Baltimore City	Baltimore Curriculum Project	Frederick Elementary School	2501 Frederick Ave., Baltimore 21223	PK - 5

	LEA	Charter School Operator	School	Address	Grades Served
18	Baltimore City	F.L. Templeton Preparatory Academy, Inc.	Furman L. Templeton Preparatory Academy	1200 Pennsylvania Ave., Baltimore 21217	PK - 5
19	Baltimore City	Baltimore Curriculum Project	Govans Elementary School	900 Woodbourne Ave., Baltimore, 21212	PK - 5
20	Baltimore City	Green Street Academy, Inc.	Green Street Academy	125 N. Hilton St., Baltimore 21229	6 – 12
21	Baltimore City	Baltimore Curriculum Project	Hampstead Hill Academy	500 S. Linwood Ave., Baltimore 21224	PK - 8
22	Baltimore City	Baltimore Teacher Network, Inc.	Independence School Local I	1250 W. 36th St., Baltimore, 21211	9 - 12
23	Baltimore City	KIPP BALTIMORE, INC.	K.I.P.P. Harmony Academy	2000 Edgewood St., Baltimore 21216	K – 8
24	Baltimore City	The Girls Charter School, Inc	Lillie May Carroll Jackson School	2200 Sinclair Ln., Baltimore, 21213	5 – 8
25	Baltimore City	The Midtown Academy, Inc.	Midtown Academy	1398 Mt. Royal Ave., Baltimore 21217	K – 8
26	Baltimore City	New Song Community Learning Center, Inc.	New Song Academy	1530 Presstman St., Baltimore 21217	PK - 8
27	Baltimore City	Patterson Park Public Charter School, Inc.	Patterson Park Public Charter School	27 N. Lakewood Ave., Baltimore 21224	PK - 8
28	Baltimore City	Baltimore Curriculum Project	Pimlico Elementary / Middle School	4849 Pimlico Rd., Baltimore 21215	PK - 8
29	Baltimore City	Southwest Baltimore Charter School, Inc.	Southwest Baltimore Charter School	1300 Herkimer St., Baltimore 21223	PK - 8
30	Baltimore City	ABI Schools	The Belair-Edison School, Elementary Grades	3536 Brehms Ln., Baltimore 21213	PK - 5
31	Baltimore City	ABI Schools	The Belair-Edison School, Middle Grades	2800 Brendan Ave., Baltimore 21213	6 – 8
32	Baltimore City	Living Classrooms Foundation	The Crossroads School	802 S. Caroline St., Baltimore 21231	6 - 8
33	Baltimore City	Experiential Environmental Education, Inc.	The Green School	2851 Kentucky Ave., Baltimore 21213	K - 5
34	Baltimore City	ABI Schools	Tunbridge Public Charter School	5504 York Rd., Baltimore, 21212	PK – 8
35	Baltimore City	Baltimore Curriculum Project	Wolfe Street Academy	245 S. Wolfe St., Baltimore 21231	PK - 5

	LEA	Charter School Operator	School	Address	Grades Served
36	Baltimore County	Watershed Public Charter School	Watershed Public Charter School	6946 Dogwood Rd., Windsor Mill 21244	K - 4
37	Charles	Phoenix International School of the Arts	Phoenix International School of the Arts	TBA	6-7
38	Frederick	Monocacy Montessori Communities Inc.	Carroll Creek Montessori Public Charter School	7215 Corporate Ct., Frederick 21703	PK - 8
39	Frederick	Frederick Classical Charter School, Inc.	Frederick Classical Charter School	8445 Spires Way, Frederick 21701	K - 8
40	Frederick	Monocacy Montessori Communities Inc.	Monocacy Valley Montessori School	217 Dill Ave., Frederick 21701	PK - 8
41	Prince George's	Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation	Chesapeake Math and IT Academy North Public Charter	6100 Frost Pl., Laurel 20707	K-12
42	Prince George's	Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation	Chesapeake Math and IT Academy South Public Charter	9822 Fallard Ct., Upper Marlboro 20772	K - 12
43	Prince George's	College Park City/University Partnership	College Park Academy	5751 Rivertech Ct., Riverdale 20737	6 - 12
44	Prince George's	Sowing Empowerment & Economic Development, inc. (SEED)	EXCEL Academy Public Charter	7910 Scott Rd., Landover 20785	K - 8
45	Prince George's	Imagine Schools	Imagine Andrews Public Charter	4701 San Antonio Blvd., Andrews AFB 20762	K - 8
46	Prince George's	Imagine Schools	Imagine Foundations at Leeland Public Charter School	14111 Oak Grove Rd., Upper Marlboro 20774	K - 8
47	Prince George's	Imagine Schools	Imagine Foundations at Morningside Public Charter School	6900 Ames St., Morningside 20746	K - 8
48	Prince George's	Imagine Schools	Imagine Lincoln Public Charter School	4207 Norcross St., Temple Hills 20748	K - 8
49	Prince George's	Equity Now Inc.	Legends Charter School	9700 Philadelphia Ct., Lanham 20706	K - 5
50	St. Mary's	Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, Inc.	Chesapeake Public Charter School	20945 Great Mills Rd., Lexington Park 20653	K - 8

Attachment 2: Draft Survey Questionnaire

1. School District (Drop Down)
 - a. Anne Arundel County
 - b. Frederick County
 - c. Baltimore County
 - d. Baltimore City
 - e. Charles County
 - f. St. Mary's County
 - g. Prince George's County
2. School Name (Drop Down)
3. School Address (Drop Down)
4. School Operator (Drop Down)
5. Current Nature of Facility Tenancy (Drop Down w/ Other)
 - a. Operator Owned
 - b. Leased from LEA
 - c. Leased from Private Owner (List owner's name)
 - d. Other (please describe)
6. What was the acquisition process to obtain this facility?
7. Please upload your facility ownership agreement documentation (lease, mortgage, etc.).
8. What is the total square footage of your facility?
9. Please upload your charter agreement with your LEA.
10. What year was your charter first approved?
11. How long have you been in your current building? (years, months)
12. How long do you anticipate staying in your current building? (years, month)
13. In what year was your current building constructed? If multiple sections have different dates of construction, please list those sections, their square footage, and the respective dates of construction.
14. Has the building gone through a major renovation? If so, when was the renovation completed?
15. What is the approximate amount of money you have invested in capital improvements over the lifetime of your tenure in the building? Please list the major source(s) of those funds with approximate percentages (e.g., operating funds; loans; donations).
16. What was your average annual facilities cost from FY17-21? Facilities costs include costs for lease/rental, facility maintenance, and building use, including both capital and non-capital expenses.
 - a. How much was for maintenance?¹

¹ Maintenance is defined as “[t]he work required to keep a facility (plant, building, structure, ground facility, utility system, or other real property) in such condition that it may be fully functional and continuously utilized for its expected lifespan, for its intended purpose, and at its maximum energy efficiency. Includes both routine and capital maintenance.” Capital maintenance is defined as “[m]ajor repair, alteration, and replacement of building systems, equipment, finishes and components, including their removal and disposal. These system and component renewals occur more often at the end of a building system’s or equipment’s useful life. They will sustain or extend the useful life of the entire facility

- b. How much was for operations?²
 - c. How much was for capital expenses?³
 - d. How much was for rent/lease or other usage fees?
 - e. How much was for non-capital expenses?
17. What were your total FY 2022 facilities costs?
- a. How much was for maintenance?
 - b. How much was for operations?
 - c. How much was for capital expenses?
 - d. How much was for rent/lease or other usage fees?
 - e. How much was for non-capital expenses?
18. What are your anticipated FY 2023 facilities costs?
- a. How much was for maintenance?
 - b. How much was for operations?
 - c. How much was for capital expenses?
 - d. How much was for rent/lease or other usage fees?
 - e. How much was for non-capital expenses?
19. What percentage of your annual per pupil allotment (PPA) do you use for facilities costs (including money saved for future facility use)?
20. On average from FY 2017 through FY 2022, what percentage of your annual capital expenses were paid by the following (must total 100%)?
- a. PPA
 - b. LEA/District (outside of PPA)
 - c. City/County Government
 - d. Charter School Operator/Nonprofit
 - e. Third-Party Investors
21. On average from FY 2017 through FY 2022, what percentage of your annual non-capital expenses were paid by the following (must total 100%)?
- a. PPA
 - b. LEA/District (outside of PPA)
 - c. City/County Government
 - d. Charter School Operator/Nonprofit
 - e. Third-Party Investors
22. What is the current condition of your school facility?
- a. Good condition
 - b. Satisfactory condition
 - c. Visibly in need of repair

but are insufficient to result in the facility becoming “like new.” Includes improvement of roadways and drainage; replacement of playing fields, roofs, HVAC systems, windows, and doors; structural repairs; and installation or replacement of long-life assets in a facility such furniture, fixtures, and equipment.”

² Operations are defined as “[t]he services required to keep a facility clean, sanitary, and tidy such that its occupants are comfortable, healthy, and productive. Includes the provision of utilities such as fuel, electricity, water, and sewerage; support services to assist occupants; and disposal and recycling of unnecessary structures, equipment, and trash.”

³ Capital expenses are defined as those investments in the facility that are more than capital maintenance.

- d. Building functions have become unreliable
23. Is your current building owned by your LEA/District?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
24. FCI - Provide information (*no question, just information*)
- a. Do you know your Facility Condition Index (FCI) score?
 - i. Yes
 - 1. What is your FCI?
 - 2. Where did you get this information? - *include document upload option*
 - ii. No
 - b. Who conducted the assessment of your facility?
 - 1. What were the procedures they used to conduct their assessment?
25. CRV (FCI) - Provide Information (*no question, just information*)
- a. Do you know your Current Replacement Value (CRV)?
 - i. Yes
 - 1. What is your CRV?
 - 2. Where did you get this information? - *include document upload option*
 - ii. No
 - 1. *Note that IAC will estimate CRV by multiplying total facility square footage by \$400 per square foot*
26. What information do we need to know about your current facility situation to help inform our work?
27. What is your greatest need with your facility situation?
28. What is your greatest asset with your facility situation?
29. What support(s) would you most benefit from in your current facility situation?
30. What is the email address & name of your facility contact person should we need to follow-up?

Note: This questionnaire is currently a work in progress and subject to change.