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December 12, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Patrick Vincenti, President, Harford County Council
The Honorable Dion F. Guthrie, Councilman, District A
The Honorable Aaron D. Penman, Councilman, District B
The Honorable Tony Giangiordano, Councilman, District C
The Honorable James Reilly, Councilman, District D
The Honorable Jessica Boyle-Tsottles, Councilwoman, District E

FROM: Shane P. Grimm, AICP *SPG*
Acting Director of Planning and Zoning

RE: Amendment to Adequate Public Facilities 2021 Annual Growth Report

In accordance with the Harford County Adequate Public Facilities provisions (Section 267-126) of the Harford County Code, testing for adequate school capacities shall occur on June 1 and December 1 of each year. Therefore, amendments to the 2021 Annual Growth Report are required and include updated enrollment figures and projections based on September 30, 2022 enrollment figures. Attached, please find the Amendment to the 2021 Annual Growth Report.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

SPG/DP/sc

Encl:

cc: The Honorable Robert Cassilly, Harford County Executive
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AMENDMENT TO 2021 ANNUAL GROWTH REPORT

In accordance with the Harford County Adequate Public Facilities provisions of the Harford County Code (§267-126), testing for adequate school capacities shall occur on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The school system updates their enrollment figures and projections after Maryland State Department of Education certifies the official September 30, 2022 enrollment. Tables A and B below list school attending areas with plan restrictions based upon the updated figures provided by Harford County Public Schools. Tables 6B, 10B, and 14B in Appendix B now reflect enrollment as of September 30 and include revised projections through the 2025/2026 school year. These changes replace the 2021 Annual Growth Report previously issued May 31, 2022 and fulfill the required update.

The adopted adequacy standard for the Harford County Public School system is for projected enrollment not to exceed 110% of the rated capacity within three years for both elementary and secondary schools. Preliminary plans for new subdivisions of greater than five lots, or site plans for multi-family residential development exceeding five units, cannot be approved where the standard is exceeded.

Thirty of thirty-three elementary schools in Harford County currently meet established adequacy standards to permit approval of residential subdivisions. (§ 267-126 B (2)(a)[1]) All nineteen middle and high schools in Harford County meet these adequacy standards. Subdivision and residential site plans within the attendance areas listed in Tables A and B will not be approved because the standard is not met. Plans for these areas submitted on or after December 1, 2022 will be placed on a waiting list until school capacity is available.

Table A – Elementary Attending Areas with Plan Restrictions

School	Year	Actual/ Projected Enrollment	Utilization Rate
Bel Air	2023/2024	541	111%
Havre de Grace	2025/2026	598	110.33%
Homestead/Wakefield	2022/2023	1,057	115%

Table B – Secondary Attending Areas with Plan Restrictions

School	Year	Actual/ Projected Enrollment	Utilization Rate
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 6B

Harford County Elementary Schools 2022 Utilization Chart									
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS		ACTUAL ENROLLMENT 2022		PROJECTIONS					
SCHOOL NAME	CAP			2023/2024		2024/2025		2025/2026	
	ENR	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	
Abingdon ²	863	658	76%	663	77%	669	78%	660	76%
Bakerfield ¹	500	463	93%	466	93%	468	94%	471	94%
Bel Air ²	486	532	109%	541	111%	545	112%	550	113%
Church Creek ²	819	725	89%	727	89%	732	89%	737	90%
Churchville	411	374	91%	376	91%	378	92%	380	92%
Darlington	157	101	64%	101	64%	101	64%	101	64%
Deerfield ¹	788	728	92%	732	93%	748	95%	735	93%
Dublin ²	294	212	72%	205	70%	204	69%	204	69%
Edgewood ²	461	399	87%	405	88%	409	89%	409	89%
Emmorton	570	548	96%	547	96%	559	98%	551	97%
Forest Hill	530	471	89%	487	92%	488	92%	499	94%
Forest Lakes	569	428	75%	443	78%	463	81%	435	76%
Fountain Green ¹	548	477	87%	486	89%	496	91%	510	93%
G. Lisby at Hillsdale ¹	473	503	106%	506	107%	508	107%	510	108%
Hall's Cross Roads ¹	552	454	82%	452	82%	457	83%	456	83%
Havre de Grace ²	542	566	104%	574	106%	584	108%	598	110.33%
Hickory	668	657	98%	665	100%	684	102%	679	102%
Homestead/Wakefield ²	920	1,057	115%	1,066	116%	1,076	117%	1,080	117%
Jarrettsville	525	488	93%	485	92%	481	92%	490	93%
Joppatowne ¹	663	500	75%	494	75%	513	77%	522	79%
Magnolia ¹	561	500	89%	519	93%	527	94%	530	94%
Meadowvale ²	568	541	95%	548	96%	556	98%	564	99%
Norrisville	274	212	77%	212	77%	224	82%	226	82%
North Bend ²	498	428	86%	442	89%	456	92%	433	87%
North Harford ¹	500	386	77%	391	78%	392	78%	396	79%
Prospect Mill ²	611	587	96%	589	96%	591	97%	592	97%
Red Pump	737	754	102%	762	103%	770	104%	775	105%
Ring Factory	548	534	97%	541	99%	548	100%	555	101%
Riverside ¹	588	440	75%	462	79%	474	81%	484	82%
Roye-Williams ¹	703	443	63%	450	64%	442	63%	448	64%
Old Post ¹	984	844	86%	852	87%	856	87%	844	86%
Wm S. James	526	497	94%	507	96%	517	98%	525	100%
Youth's Benefit	1,120	1,123	100%	1,130	101%	1,154	103%	1,160	104%
TOTALS ³ :	19,557	17,630	90%	17,826	91%	18,070	92%	18,109	93%

*Note: preliminary subdivisions and residential site plans of greater than five lots/units will not be approved in attendance areas that are

Source: Harford County Public Schools & Dept. of Planning and Zoning, December 2022.

Table 10B

Harford County Middle Schools 2022 Utilization Chart									
MIDDLE SCHOOLS		ACTUAL ENROLLMENT 2022		PROJECTIONS					
SCHOOL NAME	CAP			2023/ 2024		2024/2025		2025/2026	
	ENR	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	
Aberdeen	1,624	1,086	67%	1,077	66%	1,100	68%	1,106	68%
Bel Air	1,243	1,138	92%	1,072	86%	1,160	93%	1,200	97%
Edgewood	1,295	1,000	77%	955	74%	984	76%	1,002	77%
Fallston	1,104	1,007	91%	1,037	94%	1,067	97%	1,072	97%
Magnolia	1,028	731	71%	717	70%	718	70%	736	72%
North Harford	1,210	848	70%	859	71%	854	71%	882	73%
Southampton	1,444	1,175	81%	1,238	86%	1,239	86%	1,270	88%
TOTALS: ³	8,948	6,985	78%	6,955	78%	7,122	80%	7,268	81%

COMBINATION MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOLS		ACTUAL ENROLLMENT 2022		PROJECTIONS					
SCHOOL NAME	CAP			2023/ 2024		2024/2025		2025/2026	
	ENR	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	
Havre de Grace	1,597	1,444	90%	1,498	94%	1,506	94%	1,506	94%
Patterson Mill	1,723	1,579	92%	1,616	94%	1,635	95%	1,655	96%
TOTALS: ³	3,320	3,023	91%	3,114	94%	3,141	95%	3,161	96%

*Note: preliminary subdivisions and residential site plans of greater than five lots/units will not be approved in attendance areas that are highlighted.

Source: Harford County Public Schools & Dept. of Planning and Zoning, December, 2022.

Table 14B

Harford County High Schools 2022 Utilization Chart									
HIGH SCHOOLS		ACTUAL ENROLLMENT 2022		PROJECTIONS					
SCHOOL NAME	CAP			2023/2024		2024/2025		2025/2026	
	ENR	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	
Aberdeen	1,720	1,499	87%	1,536	89%	1,539	89%	1,529	89%
Bel Air	1,768	1,489	84%	1,479	84%	1,471	83%	1,487	84%
C. Milton Wright	1,613	1,269	79%	1,293	80%	1,333	83%	1,349	84%
Edgewood	1,716	1,418	83%	1,383	81%	1,443	84%	1,422	83%
Fallston	1,573	1,045	66%	1,067	68%	1,048	67%	1,038	66%
Harford Technical	1,135	979	86%	979	86%	984	87%	980	86%
Joppatowne	1,056	834	79%	840	80%	851	81%	836	79%
North Harford	1,538	1,222	79%	1,186	77%	1,217	79%	1,204	78%
TOTALS:³	12,119	9,755	80%	9,763	81%	9,886	82%	9,845	81%

Source: Harford County Public Schools & Dept. of Planning and Zoning, December, 2022.

See table 10B for Havre de Grace and Patterson Mill combination middle/high schools.