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July 1, 2023

Dear Reader,

The Board of Education of St. Mary's County is pleased to submit this Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP) in accordance with Title 14, Subtitle 39, Chapter 2, Regulation 2 of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR). The contents and format are as directed and requested by the rules, regulations, and procedures for the administration of the public school construction program dated September 1994 and revised in August 2020. The format is patterned after the required elements list issued by the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC).

This document details the educational facilities program and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS). The Educational Facilities Master Plan must be submitted by July 1st of each year in accordance with the rules, regulations, and procedures for the administration of the Public School Construction Program and the Board of Education of St. Mary's County's policies and regulations. The school system and county data and information contained in this document are utilized for facilities planning decisions.

The CIP is updated annually for the current and next five consecutive years. This is a comprehensive plan that represents the capacity and infrastructure needs of the school system. The plan continues to focus on systemic renovations and infrastructure needs for facilities with systems that were renovated or modernized in the 1990's and are now reaching the end of their useful lives. As we enter FY 2024, the enrollment projections continue to show a level of growth that does not warrant the construction of new capacity within the six-year CIP. However, we will continue to monitor the enrollment trends and make adjustments to the plan as warranted. The capacity utilization study completed in 2022 serves as a resource and includes options for addressing current and potential future capacity needs until such time as new capacity construction would meet state requirements.

The capital plan has been modified to accommodate the Chopticon High School modified limited renovation project that will utilize the Built to Learn Act (BTLA) funding allocation. The balance of the capital plan has been adjusted to facilitate this project and maintain the planned project pipeline. The IAC is working closely with SMCPS to maximize the utilization of unprecedented state funding; however, this requires a local funding cost share match at levels we have not experienced in the past. The Commissioners of St. Mary's County (CSMC) are valuable partners in this process and have made school construction funding a priority in their capital plans. This plan addresses student and facility needs as we determine them at this time and is within the funding sources available for the construction of CIP projects.

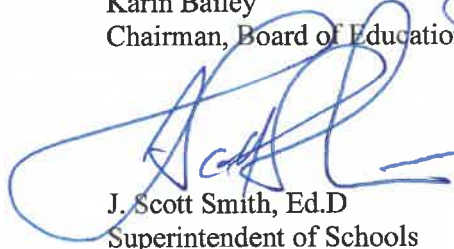
The Board of Education of St. Mary's County has approved this master plan. Copies have been supplied to the CSMC and are available to all interested citizens. To request a copy of this plan or to express comments on this document or the St. Mary's County Public Schools' CIP, please contact:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karin Bailey".

Karin Bailey
Chairman, Board of Education

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J. Scott Smith, Ed.D
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