

EXHIBITS



Maryland DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

5/16/2025

Dear Ms. Cynthia McCabe Ed.D.,

Thank you for submitting Carroll County enrollment projections for 2025-2034, in accordance with the regulations of the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC).

The Maryland Department of Planning reviewed your submission and compared your data to the school enrollment projections generated by the State Data & Analysis Center (see attached) and have found the difference to be less than five percent for the years 2025-2034. Therefore, your projections can be used to prepare your 2025 Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP) and 2026 Capital Improvement Program submissions.

When preparing your EFMP submission, please ensure the 2024 actual enrollment on your calculation worksheet is consistent with the official enrollment figure generated by the Maryland State Department of Education. The Maryland Department of Planning recognizes the Maryland State Department of Education's K-12 enrollment figure as the official enrollment for the 2024/2025 school year.

We look forward to receiving your EFMP in July. A copy of this letter and its attachment should be included in the plan. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at alfred.sundara@maryland.gov or (410) 767-4456.

Sincerely,

Alfred Sundara, AICP
Director, State Data & Analysis Center

cc: Alex Donahue, Executive Director, Interagency Commission on School Construction
Charles W. Boyd, AICP, Assistant Secretary of Planning Services
Jamie Bridges, Planning Manager, Interagency Commission on School Construction
Graham Twibell, Regional Planner, Interagency Commission on School Construction

Jurisdiction	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
Carroll	25,659	25,828	26,038	26,326	26,543	26,721	26,886	27,025	27,088	27,092	27,051
MDP	25,659	25,850	26,060	26,420	26,740	26,920	27,090	27,240	27,330	27,440	27,490
Diff	0	-22	-22	-94	-197	-199	-204	-215	-242	-348	-439
% Diff	0.00%	-0.09%	-0.08%	-0.36%	-0.74%	-0.74%	-0.75%	-0.79%	-0.89%	-1.27%	-1.60%

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The Board of Education of Carroll County does not engage in discrimination that is unlawful or contrary to Maryland State Department of Education guidance on the basis of age, color, genetic information, marital status, mental or physical disability, ancestry or national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

The Board of Education of Carroll County is firmly committed to creating equal employment and educational opportunities for all persons by providing an environment that supports optimal academic achievement and productive work and is free from any form of unlawful discrimination, including access to school facilities, educational programs, and extracurricular activities.

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June 17, 2025

Tara A. Battaglia, President
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RE: Carroll County Public Schools Educational Facilities Master Plan 2025-2034

Dear Ms. Battaglia:

The Carroll County Planning & Zoning Commission was briefed on the Carroll County Public Schools Educational Facilities Master Plan 2025-2034 on May 20, 2025. The Planning Commission examined the data utilized in the Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP), including population forecasts. These forecasts are important for the Commission to review to understand their effect on the master plan and the development review process. School capacity numbers can have a huge impact in determining adequacies for future planning and development review projects. For the next six fiscal year period, the plan identifies one school as approaching inadequate for the 2026-2027 school year and two schools as inadequate in the years 2025-2026, as outlined in the table below (see page 2-9 of the plan).

Inadequate (120% and greater of Capacity)

Freedom Elementary	2025-2026
Sandymount Elementary	2025

Approaching Inadequate (110% to 119% of Capacity)

Sykesville Middle	2026-2027
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The EFMP notes on page 6-5 that additions to Sandymount Elementary in 2026, Freedom Elementary in 2027, and Sykesville Middle in 2028 will address inadequacies in these schools.

The Carroll County Master Plan has a goal to “To the extent feasible, provide adequate and appropriate Community Investment Plan (CIP) funds to support public facilities and services. Provide an affordable, coordinated, and comprehensive system of community educational opportunities, facilities, and resources, including schools and libraries, which enhance our communities” (page 24). It also has a goal to “Pursue policies that facilitate development in appropriate areas, including the designated growth areas, thereby protecting and conserving agricultural and environmental resource areas, preserving open space, and providing

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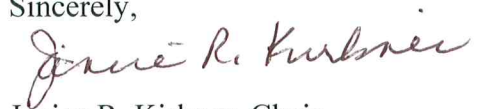
public facilities and services efficiently and cost effectively” (page 25). Both of these goals are implemented by an EFMP that: 1) uses sound demographic data to project student enrollment; 2) contains a thorough analysis of the conditions of each school facility; and 3) outlines a plan for capital investment to improve school facilities so they address projected needs both in terms of physical and functional characteristics. The Commission finds that the 2025-2034 EFMP has accomplished this.

Because the ability of the County to grow in appropriate areas and provide facilities effectively and efficiently is influenced by the quality and capacity of its school system, the Commission supports the recommendations contained in the EFMP to address projected capacity inadequacies. Further, the Commission urges the Board of Education to pursue projects that will address the need for improvement to Liberty High School and William Winchester Elementary/West Middle School to provide a quality education for area students and support the continued attractiveness of the county’s growth areas for residents and businesses.

After review and based on the above findings, the Commission finds that the Educational Facilities Master Plan, as it pertains to physical structures, size, and location, is consistent with the Carroll County Master Plan, the Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan, and other applicable County plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the 2025-2034 edition of the Carroll County Public Schools Educational Facilities Master Plan. Please let me know if I can be of any additional assistance.

Sincerely,



Janice R. Kirkner, Chair
Carroll County Planning & Zoning Commission

cc: Planning Commission Members
Daphne Daly, AICP, Secretary
William Caine, Facilities Planner, CCPS