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July 16, 2025

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 3 of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR). The contents and format are as directed by the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) Administrative Procedures Guide (APG) dated September 1994 and revised most recently in May 2025. 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 (EFMP) must be submitted by July 1st of each year in accordance with the IAC APG 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.

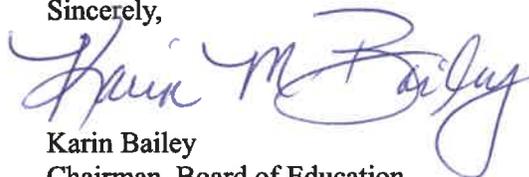
The CIP is updated annually for the current and next five consecutive years. This is a comprehensive plan that represents the capacity and infrastructure needs of the school system. The plan continues to focus on systemic renovations and infrastructure needs for facilities with systems that are reaching the end of their useful lives. As we enter FY 2026, the enrollment projections continue to show flat enrollment growth and the construction of new capacity within the six-year CIP is not warranted. However, SMCPS will continue to monitor the enrollment trends and make adjustments to the plan if needed.

The primary focus of the capital plan is to maintain existing facilities through systemic infrastructure projects throughout the six-year planning period. The first year of the plan is focused on the multi-systemic renovation of Chopticon High School, including the roof and HVAC system. This project will be the most expensive project ever undertaken by SMCPS and as such it will be a very complex project with multiple funding sources. The project will utilize our remaining Built to Learn Act (BTLA) funding allocation, Healthy School Facility Fund funding (if approved), traditional CIP funding, as well as possible other grant funding sources (if approved). The funding and project will span several years. The balance of the capital plan has been adjusted to facilitate this project while maintaining the planned project pipeline. Due to recent equipment failures and subsequent changes to the remaining useful life of those building systems, there have been adjustments made to the planned project pipeline. These include the realignment or deferment of several roof/HVAC systemic renovations. To ensure systems remain functional, replacement of major system components are being undertaken. 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 and the specific Chopticon High School multi-systemic project a priority in their county capital plan. The capital plan presented addresses student and facility needs as we have determined them at this time and is within the funding sources available for the construction of CIP projects.

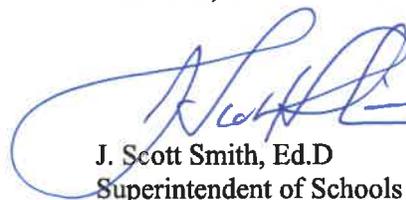
The Board of Education of St. Mary's County has approved this master plan. Copies have been supplied to the CSMC and are available to all interested citizens. To request a copy of this plan or to express comments on this document or the St. Mary's County Public Schools' CIP, please contact:

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Sincerely,

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

Karin Bailey
Chairman, Board of Education

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J. Scott Smith, Ed.D
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