

**NORTHWEST AREA EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
OPERATING AND CAPITAL PRE-BUDGET HEARINGS
OCTOBER 16, 2012**

OPERATING BUDGET REQUESTS

Testimony received from Randallstown HS cited the need for approximately \$17,000 to purchase, install and maintain 50 to 60 computers and a staffing request for 3 para-educators to assist teachers with instruction and management of inclusion classrooms.

Deer Park Middle Magnet School is requesting \$20,000 to set up wireless internet access capability throughout the school that will include supporting the operation of two mobile computer labs and computerized testing. The school is also requesting \$3,000 to repair or replace cable wiring for its television broadcast studio and \$11,000 to purchase chairs and desks for school classrooms.

Old Court MS is requesting \$3,000-\$4,000 to purchase a LCD projector and projection screen for the school's cafetorium; \$1,000 to purchase a refrigerator for special education students; \$4,800+ to purchase an assortment of band instruments and band uniforms and funding for additional staff for the engineering and math components of the school's STEM program.

Wellwood International ES is requesting funds for additional staff including a French teacher for its magnet program; funding for purchasing science textbooks and general supplies for the school.

Scotts Branch ES needs funds to employ additional qualified para-educators to support and assist teachers with instruction of 1st grade students with developmental learning disabilities.

Reisterstown ES needs a fulltime Technology Integration teacher including funds for academic courses that will prepare students for enrollment in STEM programs offered at participating middle schools.

Franklin HS requests operating budget funding for memory upgrade of 70 computers at a unit cost of \$58.00 per computer (\$4,060).

The Citizens Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented Education reiterated the need to provide professional development for faculty and school administrators in differentiation and responsive teaching related to the needs of high potential/high ability learners.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Randallstown HS requests \$17,000 to purchase a new scoreboard for the school's football and track field. It would replace the existing 30 year old scoreboard which has been inoperable for the last 10 years.

Old Court MS is requesting capital budget funds to build an auditorium in which to hold general assemblies, cultural programs and community activities.

Pikesville HS reiterates the need for BCPS to pursue scheduled comprehensive renovations that will improve the learning environment of the school building.

Wellwood International ES requests capital budget funding for the installation of a central air conditioning system to improve the learning environment of the school building.

Scotts Branch ES's testimony cited the need to repair/repave the sidewalks around the school, repair or replace playground equipment and install an air conditioning system in the school building.

Reisterstown ES requests a new inspection/assessment that will determine the type of air conditioning system that could improve the learning environment of the school building.

Church Lane ES submitted a capital budget request for installation of an air conditioning system in their school building.