

NEW CONSTRUCTION: Designing

SCHOOL SITE SELECTION AND ACQUISITION [School Sites]

I. PURPOSE

TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR IDENTIFICATION AND ACQUISITION OF NEW SCHOOL SITES.

II. SITE SELECTION PROCESS

A. THE SELECTION OF NEW SCHOOL SITES SHALL BE MADE BY THE BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (BCPS) PUBLIC SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE. .

B. BCPS PUBLIC SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE

1. THE PUBLIC SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE SUPERINTENDENT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF SCHOOL SITE DEVELOPMENT AND COLLABORATING TO ENSURE COUNTY AND STATE APPROVAL OF A SITE ACQUISITION.
2. THE PUBLIC SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT AND BE COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF PHYSICAL FACILITIES, FISCAL SERVICES, AND PLANNING AND SUPPORT OPERATIONS. THE SITE REVIEW COMMITTEE MAY ALSO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM BALTIMORE COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

C. SITE SELECTION PROPOSALS

THE PUBLIC SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL SEND ITS RECOMMENDATION TO ACQUIRE A NEW SCHOOL SITE TO THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR CONSIDERATION. THE SUPERINTENDENT WILL EVALUATE THE RECOMMENDATION AND SUBMIT HIS/HER RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD).

III. ACQUISITION

- .A. THE IDENTIFICATION AND ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL SITES MUST COMPLY WITH ALL FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS. S.
- B. ALL RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACQUIRE SCHOOL SITES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE OF MARYLAND INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.
- C. UPON APPROVAL BY THE BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL SERVICES SHALL REQUEST FUNDING FROM BALTIMORE COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO ACQUIRE THE DESIRED SCHOOL SITE.

[1. Selection

The selection of new school sites shall be accomplished jointly by personnel from the Departments of Physical Facilities and Planning and Support Operations, and personnel from various Baltimore County departments grouped under a committee known as the Baltimore County Public Site Selection Committee. Site location proposals by this committee shall be subject to approval by the Board of Education and the State of Maryland Interagency Committee on School Construction.

2. Acquisition

School sites shall be acquired with the assistance of the Baltimore County Bureau of Land Acquisition. The Baltimore County Bureau of Land Acquisition and the Baltimore County Law Office shall assist in all contractual matters associated with each acquisition.

3. Development

School sites shall be developed for joint use by the Board of Education and the Department of Recreation and Parks. If the development and construction of a school at a site is imminent (one to five years), the site shall be planned and developed as part of the overall school plan. If school construction is not imminent (longer than five years), the site may be planned and developed as a recreational facility. Land should be set aside for the anticipated future school and should not be considered as binding relative to the location of the future school and support infrastructure.

Development of the site as a recreational facility would require 100 percent financing responsibility by the Department of Recreation and Parks. Development in this manner would be subject to the limitations as described above.]

LEGAL REFERENCES: *ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE §4-109, ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS*
ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE §4-115, ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY; CONSTRUCTION, ETC., OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS
ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE §4-116, SELECTION OF SCHOOL SITES; PUBLIC HEARING
ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE §5-301, STATE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COSTS.
ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE §5-302, INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.
ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, §§10-501 TO -511, MEETINGS (OPEN MEETINGS ACT)

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7110, *DETERMINING NEEDS*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7120, *PATTERNS OF PARTICIPATION*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8120, *PURPOSE, ROLE, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION*

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