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21<sup>st</sup> Century School Facilities Commission  
House Appropriations Committee Room 120  
House Office Building, 6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland

Re: Local Government Testimony

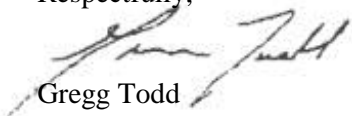
Dear Chairman Knott:

Thank you for allowing Queen Anne's County's testimony. We have two areas that we would like the Committee to consider that would be helpful to us:

- 1. Timing of the local BOE's request to the State Interagency Committee on School Construction (IAC)** – This occurs in the fall of each year for the following fiscal year (i.e. FY17 requests were submitted November FY16). This falls outside of the normal budget cycle, so in theory, there could be (and usually are) NEW capital requests outside of the BOE 6-year capital plan that the County is asked to support prior to discussing other capital needs. This creates situations where a project progresses through several stages of approvals, only to be delayed in the final step. The County may provide tentative support to a project in writing to the Interagency Committee on School Construction (IAC), as required by the State. Then, the IAC may recommend funding to the Board of Public Works. The project could receive funding approval at the Board of Public Works, but, in the last stage, ultimately fail to receive final funding approval by the County, due to other competing budget needs. This creates a situation where State funding is allocated but ultimately not used.
- 2. Oversight of BOE capital projects by the County** – As you know, the counties allocate a portion of capital project funding, yet we have no oversight of the project itself. This removes the management and the fiscal oversight of the project from the entity responsible for funding any cost over-runs. We would like the opportunity for professional county staff to provide construction oversight. We feel this would put the agency with the greatest vested interest in charge of ensuring the project stays on-time and on-budget.

Thank you for your time, and if there is any time for questions, now or in the future, we are happy to speak with you in more detail about any of these topics in school construction.

Respectfully,

  
Gregg Todd  
Administrator

