

December 21, 2010

Dr. Joe A. Hairston, PHD
Superintendent of Schools
6901 Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21204

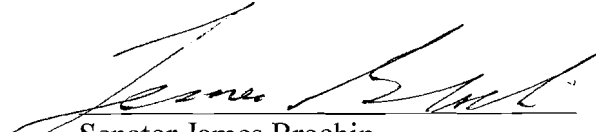
Dear Dr. Hairston:

We are writing to express our strong support for making the proposed addition at Hampton Elementary School the top funding priority in the school system's FY 2012 capital budget. This addition would alleviate the severe overcrowding that threatens the learning environment at Hampton Elementary School, one of the finest schools in Baltimore County. The cost would be shouldered by both the county and state governments.

We also ask for serious consideration for improvements that enhance the core areas of the building, such as the library and cafeteria. Often, when additions are constructed, funds are not allocated to improve those parts of the building that are also impacted by a larger school enrollment.

Construction of the addition at Hampton Elementary School is one of our most urgent priorities. Thank you for your consideration and for your support of public education.

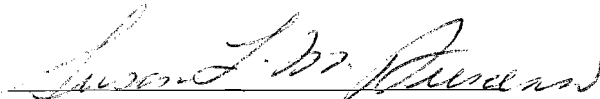
Sincerely,




Senator James Brochin




County Councilman Todd Huff



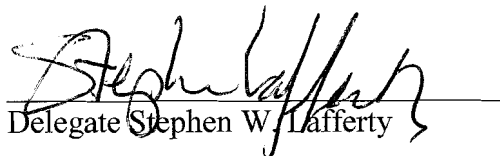
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CC: The Honorable Kevin Kamenetz, Baltimore County Executive
The Honorable Earnest E. Hines, President, Baltimore County Board of Education
Mr. Bob J. Barrett, Executive Officer for Community Outreach, BCPS
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