

State Of Maryland 2019 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Kent School		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Hershey	Jacobs	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Kent County	\$142,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a new HVAC system at Kent School		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements: Equal	Type: The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund	
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Nancy Mugele	410-778-4100 x320	nmugele@kentschool.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Kent School, situated on the bank of the Chester River, near historic Chestertown, MD is an independent day school serving children from Preschool through Grade 8. The School was founded in 1967 in the original farmhouse. Our campus has expanded significantly since the School opened its doors, but the farmhouse still houses our administrative offices. Each day at Kent School, we are guided by our mission to help students realize their full potential for academic, artistic, athletic and moral excellence. Our student-centered approach leads all of our decision making and planning with the goal of serving and benefiting students now and in the future. Our goal is to provide the best academic experience in a supportive environment that leads to the development of honorable, responsible citizens for our country and diverse world.</p>		

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)

Kent School is committed to being a steward of the environment. We have a nationally-recognized Chesapeake Bay Studies program and in 2017 we were named a Maryland Green School - the only independent school in Kent County with this designation. One of the largest issues we face as a School is a result of our aging facilities. The boiler system in our gym and arts building - the M. V. Mike Williams Gymnasium - is failing and needs to be replaced. The boiler is original to the building, which was constructed in 1972. As we are deeply committed to be stewards of the natural world, we are compelled by our belief in environmental sustainability to install an energy-efficient HVAC system. This improvement will also result in significant long-term energy savings to the school.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (Proposed Funding Sources) must match. The proposed funding sources must not include the value of real property unless an equivalent value is shown under Estimated Capital Costs.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	\$0
Design	\$0
Construction	\$0
Equipment	\$250,000
Total	\$250,000

13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding sources and amounts.)

Private Donations	\$108,000
State Funds	\$142,000
Total	\$250,000

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
5/1/2019	6/1/2019	6/15/2019	9/15/2019
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site		17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
108000.00	750		750
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Kent School, Inc. 6788 Wilkins Lane Chestertown, MD 21620		Same	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	36 - Kent, Queen Anne's, Cecil and Caroline Counties		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[]	[]	[X]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Pamela L. Duke, Esq	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-778-2828		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
217 High Street Chestertown, Maryland 21620		N/A	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
32	32	2087650.00	2087650.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No
D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
N/A			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	13,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	13,000		
New GSF	0		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion

1972

28. Comments

More than 750 students have graduated from Kent School since we opened our doors in 1968. Today, we serve 141 boys and girls in pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8. 41% of our students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 receive Financial Assistance each year. Financial Assistance grants range from \$1,500 to \$12,500, and our average grant award is \$6,400. In the 2018 - 2019 academic year, our Financial Assistance budget is 18% of our tuition revenue. We take great pride in the fact that 20% of our students are Legacy Students, meaning they are children of Kent School graduates. The School has 32 employees, many of whom are current parents. Kent School is accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Association of Independent Maryland & DC Schools. We are proud to be an active member in good standing with the Association of Independent Maryland & DC Schools--consisting of 120+ independent schools and the National Association of Independent Schools--consisting of 1,500 schools nationwide.

Kent School prides itself on having a significant impact on the local economy. In addition to our 32 employees, many of whom live and shop locally, nearly all of our Kent School families live on the Eastern Shore. Many own local businesses, including restaurants, spas, and supply stores. Kent School strives to shop local whenever possible, and much of our contracted work is done by local businesses. Kent School is also a sponsor of many of the local events that help to build the feeling of community in Kent County and on the Eastern Shore. At Kent School, we pride ourselves on being an integral part of the Chestertown and Kent County community. Events such as our Saturday morning programming, the annual Empty Bowls events, our community forums and workshops, and our partnerships with the YMCA of the Chesapeake and Horizons of Kent & Queen Anne's Counties bring dozens of children to our campus each summer.

Kent School is indeed an asset to the greater community, opening our doors and welcoming school children, parents and friends to our campus over the course of any given year. Kent School is an important pillar in the community which offers parents a choice as they pursue educational excellence for their children. The existence of Kent School makes it possible for some individuals to relocate to the mid or upper shore. Replacing our aging boiler and overall HVAC system in our gym and arts space is necessary and to do it in an environmentally sustainable way is important to us. The total expense associated with this undertaking would present a financial hardship for the school. Partnership with you and with support from the Bond Bill helps Kent School ensure it will remain a valuable resource in the greater community as we enter our next half century. Thank you for your consideration.

Our plan to move forward with a complete overhaul of our HVAC systems is dependent on being awarded a grant through the Governors Capital Budget. We have already undertaken an engineering study and feasibility analysis, and have procured several bids. The priority of the project consists of replacing the oil boiler with a fuel-efficient propane boiler. This replacement will yield operating cost savings as well as decrease the schools dependence on fossil fuels. New above-ground propane tanks and service will replace the current oil tank servicing the gym and arts building. Should a Bond Bill not be awarded during the 2019 Legislative Session, we will explore securing a loan for the remaining funds necessary.