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**Executive**

**HB 1**

**Built to Learn Act of 2020**

**County Position: SUPPORT**

Date: January 23, 2020  
Committee: Appropriations

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner urges **SUPPORT** for House Bill 1 – Built to Learn Act of 2020.

This legislation supercharges school construction reflecting the state’s strong commitment and a significant investment to provide safe and adequate public school facilities that support effective teaching and learning for all students.

County Executive Gardner supports:

- The significant infusion of \$2.2 billion of school construction funding to allow county governments to meet the growing needs of our schools. This investment will expand the ability to renovate and modernize our older schools and provide new capacity to meet growing student enrollment;
- The additional funding to target schools that have experienced significant enrollment growth or have a large number of relocatable classrooms, doubling funding after FY 2026.
- And, the provision to provide smaller counties with flexibility by allowing more eligible costs.

County Executive Gardner appreciates the specific allocation for Frederick County and will utilize these dollars to meet our most pressing school needs.

Respectfully, County Executive Gardner requests consideration be given to ensuring local prioritization of school construction projects and the ability for counties with the capacity to manage their projects through a streamlined approval process.

Frederick County Executive Gardner urges favorable **SUPPORT** for House Bill 1.