

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Loch Raven High School - Turf Field		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Jennings	Szeliga	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore County	\$1,200,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Loch Raven High School - Turf Field		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Delegate Kathy Szeliga	410.841.3698	kathy.szeliga@house.state.md.us
Michael McEwan		443.809.3543
	443.608.8572	rschwartz@bcps.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Loch Raven High School provides public secondary, and special education for students in Baltimore County. The mission of the LRHS Athletic Program and Athletic Booster Club is to strive for every athlete to have a positive experience while participating in interscholastic athletics. Athletics is a crucial element that can and will enrich the total school experience. Every athlete who participates will learn valuable life lessons that will be ingrained into them for the rest of their lives. These lessons will allow our student athletes a chance to learn how teamwork, integrity, honesty, hard work, and pride can relate to them in everyday life and become a valuable tool that can be passed down to their own families. These valuable lessons are learned and encouraged through the support of Loch Raven High School and Baltimore County Public Schools.</p>		

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
July 3, 2023	TBD	TBD	TBD
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	
0.00	5,000	10,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Board of Education of Baltimore County 6901 North Charles Street Towson, Maryland 21204		Loch Raven High School 1212 Cowpens Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21286	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	7A - Baltimore County		
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:	Board of Education of Baltimore County	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443-809-6300		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
N/A	N/A	0.00	0.00
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
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	190,600		
Space to be Renovated GSF	0		
New GSF	190,600		

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

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28. Comments

Loch Raven High School provides for the comprehensive development of students including participation in the arts, athletics, and community programs. Loch Raven High School also provides support for Baltimore County Recreation and Parks and various school system and community organizations.

There is a field shortage crisis in Baltimore County. The fields are used by recreation and parks as well as gym classes during the day. The field gets constant use and Loch Raven High School is already one field short for the programs that are offered. The limited inventory of Baltimore County Recreation and Parks (BCRP) fields, which includes Baltimore County Public Schools is a challenge. This will be compounded by the two local high schools in the central area that are going to have construction projects which will increase the demand for space at Loch Raven High School. Although there is a definite shortage of quality grass fields, the most significant void is the shortage of lighted turf (artificial surface) fields. Turf fields are not subject to weather related closures that limit practice time year-round. Loch Raven High School field is already lighted.

This is a comprehensive track and field upgrade. Loch Raven High School is scheduled to begin the design phase for a new track within the next two to three months. When that phase is completed a project timeline can be determined to coordinate the projects.

A community initiative to improve the inventory of Baltimore County athletic facilities is underway and converting the Loch Raven High School stadium field from grass to turf is part of this initiative. It is important to provide a safe year-round artificial surface that will be available for gym class, practices, games, and community use. Loch Raven High School is long overdue for an upgrade to their athletic field. Due to constant usage, the grass fields deteriorate quickly which leads to safety concerns.

The benefits of youth sports extend beyond the field and even beyond the participant. Athletics is a crucial element that can and will enrich the total school experience. Valuable life lessons are learned and participating in sports is associated with lower rates of anxiety and depression and high self-esteem and confidence. Converting the athletic field at Loch Raven High School to turf, will improve the facilities and have a significant impact on the high school students and the Baltimore County community.