State Of Maryland
2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project	
Gunston School	
2. Senate Sponsor	**3. House Sponsor**
Hershey	Arentz
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	**5. Requested Amount**
Queen Anne's County	$276,739
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative	
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of The Gunston School property, including roof replacement on the Paul M. Long Academic Building	
7. Matching Fund	
Requirements: Grant	Type:
8. Special Provisions	
[ ] Historical Easement	[X] Non-Sectarian

9. Contact Name and Title	**Contact Ph#**	**Email Address**
John Lewis, Head of School		410-758-0620

10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)

The Gunston School (est. 1911) offers a rigorous college preparatory experience on a 75-acre waterfront campus in Centreville, MD. We serve 257 students (grades 9-12) plus families from eight Maryland counties, Delaware, and several countries through our international program. Valuing a balance of mind and body, community, and our Chesapeake Bay connection, Gunston educates ethically and environmentally minded scholars and global leaders. Accredited by MSDE and AIMS, we are a four-time MAEOE Green School. As a regional asset, 72% of eligible students receive financial aid (average grant: $12,950). In summer, Gunston remains a vibrant hub, hosting approximately 1,000 campers across two flagship programs: YMCA Camp Gunston and Horizons of Kent and Queen Annes, utilizing our waterfront to provide essential athletic, academic, and environmental enrichment.

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)
We face a critical facility issue concerning our primary academic space, the Paul M. Long Academic Building. This two-story structure houses ten classrooms and three science labs and is used by every student and camper. Its 7,800 sq ft roof is original to the 1971 construction and is now nearly 15 years past its necessary replacement date. A full roof replacement is mandatory for compliance, safety, and operational continuity. The project requires a full tear-off of the aging roof system to execute a complete replacement. The new multi-layered Thermoplastic Polyolefin (TPO) roof will meet State requirements, yielding an R-value of 30+, improving drainage, and installing a new, safety-compliant Bilco access hatch. This essential investment ensures a dry, energy-efficient environment for our students and campers.

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	$19,000
Construction	$339,000
Equipment	$19,000
Total	$377,000

13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding sources and amounts.)	
Governor's Capital Budget	$277,000
Private Donations	$100,000
Total	$377,000

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**
TBD	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**
100000.00	2,100	2,100

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)
The Gunston School, Inc. PO Box 200 911 Gunston Road Centreville, MD 21617	N/A

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:	John Lewis	**Has An Appraisal Been Done?**	Yes/No
Phone:	410-758-0620		
Address:		**If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value**	
The Gunston School PO Box 200 Centreville, MD 21617		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**
50	50	8794252.00	9000000.00

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	15,600
Space to be Renovated GSF	7,800
New GSF	15,600

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	1971

28. Comments

The Paul M. Long Academic Building roof is actively failing and has begun causing water intrusion that disrupts classroom instruction. The building houses ten classrooms and three science laboratories used daily by all 257 students and more than 1,800 additional campers and community members annually. Continued deterioration risks damage to laboratory equipment, instructional technology, and interior infrastructure, significantly increasing long-term repair costs.

Constructed in 1971, the roof is more than 15 years beyond its recommended service life. Replacement is not optional; it is required to maintain safe and uninterrupted academic operations.

Gunston has secured $50,000 in private funds and is actively raising an additional $50,000 toward its $100,000 private match commitment. As a school where 72% of eligible students receive financial aid, available reserves are limited and prioritized for student access and affordability. State partnership is essential to close the funding gap and protect this regional educational asset.

Beyond serving enrolled students, this facility supports YMCA Camp Gunston, Horizons of Kent and Queen Annes, and environmental education programming that serves youth across Queen Annes County and District 36. This investment ensures continuity of service to the broader community and preserves critical educational infrastructure for the region.