

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Sandalwood Elementary School		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Salling		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore County	\$350,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Sandalwood Elementary School, including playground facilities		
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
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10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
Sandalwood Elementary is a Title One Community School in the Essex area. It consistently falls into the top 3 schools for poverty levels for the entire Baltimore County. The purpose of our organization is to educate children and remove all barriers to education.		

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	
0.00	421 students ane entire	40,000 (Essex)	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
NA			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Sandalwood Elementary 900 South Marlyn Avenue Essex, MD 21221			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	6 - 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:	NA	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			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
75	75	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?			
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			
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	12500		
Space to be Renovated GSF	4500		
New GSF			

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

2027

28. Comments

What Families Will Experience Every Day

Your Day One Experience

Imagine walking your child to the new playground on opening morning. You pass through the welcoming

entrance gate and see children of all abilities playing together on colorful, cushioned surfaces. Your daughter

paces to the climbing structure while your son tries the musical panels. You settle onto a shaded bench,

watching safely from every angle. Other parents chat nearby while teens shoot hoops on the courts behind

you. The community app on your phone shows tonight's family volleyball game and tomorrow's

maintenance volunteer signup. This isn't just a playground it's your neighborhood's new heart.

The Playground - Built for Every Child (12,000 sq ft total)

Main Play Structure Area (4,500 sq ft):

Multi-level climbing towers with rope bridges connecting different heights and challenge levels

Three slide varieties: straight racing slides, spiral tube slides, and wide buddy slides for friends

Adventure climbing: monkey bars, rock walls, rope nets, and balance beams integrated into tower

system

Swing Zone (2,000 sq ft):

Complete swing area: 8 traditional swings, 4 toddler bucket seats, and 2 adaptive harness swings for

children with special needs

Safety clearance: 25-foot zones around each swing set per safety standards

Sensory & Inclusive Play Area (1,800 sq ft):

Sensory discovery stations: musical panels, spinning elements, textured boards for all learning

styles

Accessible play features: Ground-level activities and adaptive equipment

Family Gathering Spaces (2,200 sq ft):

Shaded picnic areas with 8 tables perfect for snacks, homework, and birthday celebrations

Parent seating: 15+ benches with sight lines to all play areas

Pathways & Safety Zones (1,500 sq ft):

ADA-compliant walkways: 8-foot wide paved paths connecting all areas

Buffer zones: Required safety clearances around equipment