

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Westminster Elementary School		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Ready		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Carroll County	\$35,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Westminster Elementary School, including a digital school sign		
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
Stacey Tracey		443-243-0757
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Carroll County Public Schools focuses on excellence by preparing students to be globally competitive, addressing the needs of individual students, maintaining an effective workforce, and ensuring students are educated in safe and orderly environments. The mission of Westminster Elementary School is to provide a nurturing school environment where students are inspired to take risks, problem solve, and respect others. Westminster Elementary School is a Title I public elementary school in Westminster, Maryland serving 550 students in grades pre-k through grade 5.</p>		

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

CCPS is requesting a grant to fund an electric school sign for Westminster Elementary School to ensure information sharing and collaboration between school administration, staff, parents, community members, volunteers, and students. The current non-electric outdoor sign is in a state of disrepair - it is outdated, difficult to read, and several components are breaking. The sign can no longer meet the communication needs of our school community. For Westminster Elementary, this need is also an issue of equity and access. As a Title I school, many of our families rely on clear, visible communication. Not all parents have reliable internet access or the flexibility to check email throughout the day. A modern electronic sign ensures equitable communication for every family, providing timely reminders about Title I events, resources, safety messages, and school updates regardless of personal barriers.

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	
Design	
Construction	\$5,000
Equipment	\$30,500
Total	\$35,500

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

2025 Maryland State Capital Grant	\$35,000
School fundraising	\$500
Total	\$35,500

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
Complete	Complete	6/1/2026	8/1/2026
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	
500.00	2,000 students, parents, staff,	2,000 students, parents, staff,	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2022	\$50,000	School playground	
2023	\$75,000	School playground	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Carroll County Public Schools 125 North Court Street Westminster, MD 21157		Westminster Elementary School 811 Uniontown Road Westminster, MD 21158	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	5 - Frederick and Carroll Counties		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Carroll County Public Schools	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-751-3000		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
125 North Court Street Westminster, MD 21157		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
N/A	N/A		
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	4,752		
Space to be Renovated GSF	0		
New GSF	4,752		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	1976
28. Comments	
<p>For our school community, a school sign is a critical tool that strengthens family engagement and keeps our families informed and connected. Carroll County Public Schools does not have enough money in its operational or capital project budgets to replace our current school sign. In a fast-paced school environment, updates need to be communicated quickly and effectively. Digital signage allows for the rapid communication of schedule changes, upcoming parent-teacher conferences, and important deadlines. This minimizes the risk of missed information and ensures that no one is left out. Digital signage enhances accessibility by providing visual information that can be tailored to meet the needs of diverse groups, including non-English speakers or individuals with disabilities. Information can be displayed in multiple languages and formats, ensuring equal access for all members of the community. Equitable access is especially important for a Title I school.</p>	