



HB566 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – DESIGN DOCUMENTS – WASTE DISPOSAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **HB566 School Construction – Design Documents – Waste Disposal Infrastructure**. This bill requires the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) to adopt certain regulations for county boards of education to include waste disposal infrastructure in the design documents submitted to the IAC for the construction of a new school building utilizing State funding. It also defines "waste disposal infrastructure" as a place for the disposal of trash, recyclables, food scraps, and a sink for liquid waste.

Every school and school district already have a means and method to support food waste disposal. Understandably, the means and methods are unique to each local school system and potentially to each school. Under the guiding principle of local control and local management, local school systems and schools do not need the IAC to create or require a mandated food waste disposal infrastructure template as part of public school construction projects. Local authority and local discretion should prevail in this area of school operations and management.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB566.