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Chair Ben Barnes, Vice Chair Anne Kaiser, and members of the Appropriations Committee

## House Bill 233 - Education – Public School Construction – Alterations

### Position: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

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Dear Chair Barnes and esteemed members of the Appropriations Committee,

Thank you for the work you all do on behalf of our students, educators, and staff across the state and in the Prince George's County Public Schools community. On behalf of the Prince George's County Board of Education, representing over 130,000 students, we are writing to express our strong support for House Bill 233 - Education - Public School Construction - Alterations.

This legislation takes an important and proactive step to update and clarify the current requirements for local boards when completing construction projects. This includes updating the thresholds for local boards of education to involve the state Superintendent and the Interagency on School Construction above \$1 million for additions and renovations of school buildings, as well as an appeal process for denials.

The Maryland Association of Boards of Education, the Interagency on School Construction and the Maryland State Department of Education have all been engaged on discussions on amendments which have included representation from Prince George's County Public Schools. This includes the issue related to the HVAC projects, we request an amendment that raises the requirement for state approval from \$1m to \$3-5 million, as this level would require significant delays and administrative headaches should the threshold stay at \$1m. We respectfully request that the bill sponsor consider the amendments proposed by PSSAM and MABE as well as the aforementioned on HVAC.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the well-being of Prince George's County students. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this legislation further.

Sincerely,

Prince George's County Board of Education