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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
Dr. Martirano, Interim Superintendent

From: Allan H. Kittleman
County Executive

Subject: High School #13 Site Selection

The purpose of this memo is to reiterate my commitment to funding education and providing support for the anticipated student population growth in Howard County, and to provide feedback on the Board of Education's *Troy Park Exhibit-2* preliminary concept plan for Future High School #13. Based on an initial review of the BOE's Troy Park in ElkrIDGE concept plan by the County Recreation & Parks and Public Works departments, there are a few important comments and recommendations I want to share as you evaluate this site.

- The BOE plan proposes using approximately 11 acres of Program Open Space (POS) funded land. This will require a conversion for constructing the parking lot and a portion of the school on POS funded property. This is typically a 6-12 month process after finding replacement land to purchase.
- Driveway access to the White property is cut off by the upper parking lot road; this easement must be maintained. I recommend redesigning this school parking access road.
- The BOE plan is missing a fire and rescue road which would be required to go completely around the building. This should be added to the plan.
- Finally, I recommend examining the feasibility of swapping the location of the track and park maintenance building.

I am excited by the shared use opportunity at Troy Park which preserves the future amenities promised to the community that could still be provided at this site along with a high school. I am equally excited by the Mission Road site in Jessup which provides valuable land for building schools. I recommend you support using both properties to accommodate continued growth and provide flexibility in meeting the HCPSS Capital Improvement Program.

As I have offered previously, I am more than willing to meet with you and the other members of the Board of Education along with representatives from our Recreation & Parks and Public Works departments to address any questions or concerns you may have regarding potential school sites. Once again, thank you for your continued cooperation as we work together to provide the necessary infrastructure to relieve overcrowding in our schools.