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Dear Chairperson Jones and Members of the Howard County Council:

The Oakland Mills Community Association encourages you to pass Council Resolution 189-2022, approving the Howard County Board of Education's Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and Capital Improvement Program Request for Fiscal Years 2025-2029 for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction.

The Board of Education reinforced the need for consistent prioritization of the school system's capital projects to ensure healthy learning environments while also addressing capacity needs throughout the system. Their actions help ensure that schools such as Oakland Mills Middle and Oakland Mills High here in the Village of Oakland Mills, which have been deferred for years and even decades for much-needed renovations, will not continue to move onto and off of the Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program.

We appreciate the Council's engagement with the Board of Education on this important subject and again encourage you to pass Council Resolution 189-2022. We also offer our support as our county leadership works with the state to secure matching funds for these crucial projects.