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**TO:** Howard County Council Members

**FROM:** Oakland Mills Community Association  
Jonathan Edelson, Chair, Board of Directors

**SUBJECT: TESTIMONY NOT IN SUPPORT OF CR-183**

**The Oakland Mills Community Association respectfully requests that you do not support CR183 tonight.** To the shock and dismay of the Oakland Mills community, the Board of Education abruptly requested an alternate FY 27 capital budget from the Superintendent despite staff recommendations to proceed with the plan to begin renovations finding for Oakland Mills High School in 2027. The board of education then voted on this alternative when presented at its next meeting despite reservations about an incomplete capital investment ranking system being used and without adequate opportunity for community input. Decisions about how to spend over \$160 million should not be abruptly changed or rushed.