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Chair, Planning Advisory Board

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The Honorable Steuart Pittman, County Executive
Anne Arundel County
Arundel Center, P.O. Box 2700
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

RE: Bill #12-26: An Ordinance Concerning:
Capital Budget and Program – Board of Education
Security Related Upgrades and Upgrade Various
Schools Capital Projects – Supplementary
Appropriations

Dear County Executive Pittman:

The Planning Advisory Board (PAB) is a citizen advisory board created by §532 of the Anne Arundel County Charter. Under § 533 of the Charter, the PAB is charged with recommending the list of capital projects, along with their estimated costs, to be implemented by the County. Also under § 533, the PAB considers and transmits advisory recommendations for amendments to the Capital Budget to the County Executive through the course of the year.

The PAB met on January 28, 2026 and received an overview of Bill #12-26 from the Office of Budget. This Ordinance is for the purpose of amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026. Overall, the requests will result in a \$1.22M increase to the FY26 Capital Budget and Program; the funding will come from grants and other outside funding. See the details below for more information on the requests.

The first request is to transfer the Board of Education (BOE) Security Related Upgrades capital project (E538100) a supplemental appropriation of \$990,727. The Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) granted the BOE \$744,984 to support a security vestibule at Severna Park Elementary School. Additionally, the BOE received a grant in the amount of \$245,743 from the Maryland Center for School Safety to create uniform school mapping for all AACPS school buildings and sites.

The second request is to transfer the Upgrade Various Schools capital project (E539100) a supplemental appropriation of \$238,873. Arundel High School will contribute \$23,373 as the local

match for a grant to fund the new marquee at the school. The Constellation Energy Foundation granted the BOE \$50,000 for the installation of the Indian Creek Marsh Boardwalk rebuild at Arlington Echo. Additionally, a contractor will pay \$165,500 for a new gym floor at Central Middle School.

Following the presentation and discussion among the members of the PAB, the Board voted 6-0 to offer an advisory recommendation of approval of Bill #12-26.

If there are any questions regarding our recommendation, please contact Jessica Levy in the Office of Planning and Zoning, PlanningAdvisoryBoard@aacounty.org.

Sincerely,



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Chair

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