



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

BILL NO. 2017-15 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – BOARD OF EDUCATION CAPITAL BUDGET – TRANSFER UNSPENT BOND FUNDS FROM COMPLETED PROJECTS.

SYNOPSIS: A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Board of Education Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$81,574.42 from completed School Capital Projects (Perryville Elementary Renovations \$44,169.25, Cecilton Elementary Exterior Envelope \$4,399.47, Perryville High School Cooling Tower \$3,044, Boiler Replacement Projects at Kenmore, Thomson Estates Elementary, Cherry Hill Middle, & Bo Manor \$29,961.70) to the North East High School Girls’ Locker Room Renovation Project..

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: The approval of this bill will have no net financial effect on the Capital Improvement Program of Cecil County. The bill transfers existing bond appropriation authority and decreases the size of certain completed school capital projects to their final costs and requests that the unused bond funds be transferred to the North East High School Girls’ Locker Room Renovation Project.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

On July 12, 2017 a letter from Cecil County Public Schools to the County Executive indicated that multiple school construction projects are now completed, and the letter requested that the County bond budgets for specified projects be adjusted according to a provided schedule, which is listed below:

Project Description	Amount
Perryville Elementary Renovations	(44,169.25)
Cecilton Elementary Exterior Envelope	(4,399.47)
Perryville High Cooling Tower	(3,044.00)
Kenmore Elementary Boiler	(18,543.00)
Thomson Estates Boiler	(1,818.00)
Cherry Hill Middle Boiler	(9,283.00)
Bohemia Manor Boiler	(317.70)
North East High Girls Locker Room	81,574.42

The North East High School Girls’ Locker Room project was publically bid on June 1, 2017. Bathon Builders was the only bidder to submit a bid on the project. The bid was higher than the original budget estimate that had been calculated two years prior. Through extensive negotiations, CCPS was able to value engineer some scope and materials to agree upon a revised lower bid, (\$351,574) however the amount was still in excess of the \$270,000 approved in the FY2018 CIP. The bid was accepted by the school Board on June 12, 2017.

The County has had a long standing policy to allow CCPS the discretion to request the transfer of unspent bonds funds within the Board of Education Capital Projects Budget in order to support the efforts of the school’s successful fiscal management of capital projects.