

RESOLUTION NO. 1223-24

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2022 AMENDED
HARFORD COUNTY GROWTH REPORT

WHEREAS, Chapter 759 of the Laws of Maryland: the Smart Growth and Neighborhood Conservation Smart Growth Areas Act of 1997 require municipalities to adopt County standards related to adequate public facilities; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 165 of the Bel Air Town Code, the Development Regulation, Article II, Section 165-21 Annual Growth Report outlines the procedures for complying with the County Adequate Public Facilities requirements for schools; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 165 of the Bel Air Town Code, requires submittal of the Harford County Growth Report to the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners for acceptance at a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning produced the Annual Growth Report attached hereto, indicating that the utilization rates of one public school serving the Town of Bel Air to exceed its rated capacity; and

WHEREAS, Homestead-Wakefield Elementary School is currently at 115% and is expected to increase to 117% by 2026/2027. All other schools are projected to be under the 110% capacity threshold within the next three years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners that the 2022 Amended Harford County Annual Growth Report attached hereto, shall be officially accepted, and shall provide the basis for review of residential development per Section 165-21 of the Town of Bel Air Development Regulations.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners that this Resolution No. 1223-24 has been accepted by the Board on _____, 2024.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Paula S. Etting, Chair
Board of Town Commissioners

Michael L. Krantz, Town Clerk

ROBERT G. CASSILLY
Harford County Executive

ROBERT S. McCORD
Director of Administration



SHANE P. GRIMM, AICP
Director of Planning & Zoning

December 14, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Patrick Vincenti, President, Harford County Council
The Honorable Dion F. Guthrie, Councilman, District A
The Honorable Aaron D. Penman, Councilman, District B
The Honorable Tony Giangiordano, Councilman, District C
The Honorable James Reilly, Councilman, District D
The Honorable Jessica Boyle-Tsottles, Councilwoman, District E
The Honorable Jacob D. Bennett, Councilman, District F

FROM : Shane Grimm, AICP *SPG*
Director of Planning and Zoning

RE: Amendment to Adequate Public Facilities 2022 Annual Growth Report

In accordance with the Harford County Adequate Public Facilities provisions (Section 267-126) of the Harford County Code, testing for adequate school capacities shall occur on June 1 and December 1 of each year. Therefore, amendments to the 2022 Annual Growth Report are required and include updated enrollment figures and projections based on September 30, 2023, enrollment figures. Attached, please find the Amendment to the 2022 Annual Growth Report.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

SPG

Encl:

CC: The Honorable Robert Cassilly, Harford County Executive
Robert McCord, Director of Administration
Jefferson Blomquist, County Attorney
Shobita Dubois, Assistant County Attorney
Moe Davenport, Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning
Alex Rawls, Chief of Long-Range Planning

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AMENDMENT TO 2022 ANNUAL GROWTH REPORT

In accordance with the Harford County Adequate Public Facilities provisions of the Harford County Code (§267-126), testing for adequate school capacities shall occur on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The school system updates their enrollment figures and projections after Maryland State Department of Education certifies the official September 30, 2023 enrollment. Tables A and B below list school attending areas with plan restrictions based upon the updated figures provided by Harford County Public Schools. Tables 6B, 10B, and 14B in Appendix B now reflect enrollment as of September 30 and include revised projections through the 2026/2027 school year. These changes replace the 2022 Annual Growth Report previously issued May 31, 2023 and fulfill the required update.

The adopted adequacy standard for the Harford County Public School system is for projected enrollment not to exceed 110% of the rated capacity within three years for both elementary and secondary schools. Preliminary plans for new subdivisions of greater than five lots, or site plans for multi-family residential development exceeding five units, cannot be approved where the standard is exceeded.

Thirty of thirty-three elementary schools in Harford County currently meet established adequacy standards to permit approval of residential subdivisions. (§ 267-126 B (2)(a)[1]) All nineteen middle and high schools in Harford County meet these adequacy standards. Subdivision and residential site plans within the attendance areas listed in Tables A and B will not be approved because the standard is not met. Plans for these areas submitted on or after December 1, 2023 will be placed on a waiting list until school capacity is available.

Table A – Elementary Attending Areas with Plan Restrictions			
School	Year	Actual/ Projected Enrollment	Utilization Rate
G. Lisby at Hillsdale	2024/2025	523	111%
Havre de Grace	2023/2024	603	111%
Homestead/Wakefield	2023/2024	1,057	115%

Table B – Secondary Attending Areas with Plan Restrictions			
School	Year	Actual/ Projected Enrollment	Utilization Rate
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 6B

Harford County Elementary Schools 2023 Utilization Chart

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS		ACTUAL ENROLLMENT 2023		PROJECTIONS					
SCHOOL NAME	CAP			2024/2025		2025/2026		2026/2027	
		ENR	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP
Abingdon ²	863	874	78%	669	78%	649	75%	644	75%
Bakerfield ¹	500	452	90%	477	95%	502	100%	522	104%
Bel Air ²	486	514	106%	505	104%	510	105%	510	105%
Church Creek ²	819	722	88%	732	89%	741	90%	750	92%
Churchville ¹	411	376	91%	373	91%	369	90%	370	90%
Darlington	157	92	59%	87	55%	90	57%	94	60%
Deerfield ¹	788	714	91%	728	92%	733	93%	723	92%
Dublin ²	294	216	73%	212	72%	209	71%	209	71%
Edgewood ²	461	415	90%	425	92%	421	91%	419	91%
Emmorton	570	556	98%	596	105%	591	104%	598	105%
Forest Hill	530	475	90%	465	88%	471	89%	462	87%
Forest Lakes	530	420	79%	450	85%	411	78%	403	76%
Fountain Green ¹	548	456	83%	456	83%	466	85%	456	83%
G. Lisby at Hillsdale ¹	473	516	109.09%	523	111%	528	112%	531	112%
Hall's Cross Roads ¹	552	443	80%	442	80%	446	81%	452	82%
Havre de Grace ¹	542	603	111%	620	114%	636	117%	646	119%
Hickory	668	664	99%	674	101%	684	102%	692	104%
Homestead/Wakefield ²	920	1,057	115%	1,062	115%	1,067	116%	1,072	117%
Jarrettsville	525	476	91%	473	90%	477	91%	479	91%
Joppatowne ¹	663	495	75%	511	77%	512	77%	511	77%
Magnolia ¹	561	527	94%	530	94%	530	94%	530	94%
Meadowvale ¹	568	544	96%	540	95%	548	96%	553	97%
Norrisville	274	213	78%	221	81%	220	80%	222	81%
North Bend ¹	498	448	90%	469	94%	455	91%	472	95%
North Harford ¹	500	404	81%	423	85%	424	85%	420	84%
Prospect Mill ²	611	592	97%	596	98%	600	98%	604	99%
Red Pump	737	753	102%	744	101%	750	102%	758	103%
Ring Factory	548	544	99%	545	99%	548	100%	551	101%
Riverside ¹	588	465	79%	487	83%	508	86%	523	89%
Roye-Williams ¹	703	449	64%	456	65%	463	66%	470	67%
Old Post ¹	984	892	91%	894	91%	896	91%	898	91%
Wm S. James	521	475	91%	477	92%	479	92%	481	92%
Youth's Benefit	1,120	1,114	99%	1,132	101%	1,142	102%	1,152	103%
TOTALS³:	19,513	17,756	91%	17,994	92%	18,076	93%	18,177	93%

*Note: preliminary subdivisions and residential site plans of greater than five lots/units will not be approved in attendance areas that are highlighted.

Source: Harford County Public Schools & Dept. of Planning and Zoning, December 2023.

¹ Full-day PreKindergarten

² Half-day PreKindergarten

³ TOTAL % Capacity = (Total Projection/Total Capacity)*100.

Table 10B

Harford County Middle Schools 2022 Utilization Chart									
MIDDLE SCHOOLS		ACTUAL ENROLLMENT 2023		PROJECTIONS					
SCHOOL NAME	CAP			2024/ 2025		2025/2026		2026/2027	
		ENR	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP
Aberdeen	1,624	1,058	65%	1,086	67%	1,111	68%	1,136	70%
Bel Air	1,243	1,080	87%	1,088	88%	1,099	88%	1,092	88%
Edgewood	1,295	994	77%	965	75%	961	74%	981	76%
Fallston	1,104	1,060	96%	1,098	99%	1,132	103%	1,158	105%
Magnolia	1,028	724	70%	714	69%	730	71%	742	72%
North Harford	1,210	867	72%	883	73%	898	74%	902	75%
Southampton	1,444	1,194	83%	1,188	82%	1,206	84%	1,209	84%
TOTALS:³	8,948	6,977	78%	7,022	78%	7,137	80%	7,220	81%

COMBINATION MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOLS		ACTUAL ENROLLMENT 2023		PROJECTIONS					
SCHOOL NAME	CAP			2024/2025		2025/2026		2026/2027	
		ENR	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP
Havre de Grace	1,597	1,457	91%	1,479	93%	1,496	94%	1,501	94%
Patterson Mill	1,723	1,593	92%	1,604	93%	1,656	96%	1,654	96%
TOTALS:³	3,320	3,050	92%	3,083	93%	3,152	95%	3,155	95%

Source: Harford County Public Schools & Dept. of Planning and Zoning, December, 2023.

³ TOTAL % Capacity = (Total Projection/Total Capacity)*100.

Table 14B

Harford County High Schools 2022 Utilization Chart									
HIGH SCHOOLS		ACTUAL ENROLLMENT 2023		PROJECTIONS					
SCHOOL NAME	CAP	2024/2025				2025/2026		2026/2027	
		ENR	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP
Aberdeen	1,720	1,465	85%	1,467	85%	1,487	86%	1,507	88%
Bel Air	1,768	1,419	80%	1,327	75%	1,330	75%	1,334	75%
C. Milton Wright	1,613	1,302	81%	1,294	80%	1,286	80%	1,298	80%
Edgewood	1,716	1,417	83%	1,454	85%	1,446	84%	1,414	82%
Fallston	1,573	1,047	67%	1,058	67%	1,064	68%	1,069	68%
Harford Technical	1,135	983	87%	985	87%	985	87%	985	87%
Joppatowne	1,056	900	85%	957	91%	977	93%	992	94%
North Harford	1,538	1,162	76%	1,171	76%	1,167	76%	1,165	76%
TOTALS:³	12,119	9,695	80%	9,713	80%	9,742	80%	9,764	81%

Source: Harford County Public Schools & Dept. of Planning and Zoning, December, 2023.

See table 10B for Havre de Grace and Patterson Mill combination middle/high schools.

³ TOTAL % Capacity = (Total Projection/Total Capacity)*100.