

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF BALTIMORE COUNTY**

- WHEREAS, The People of the State of Maryland have, through its Constitution, entrusted the State of Maryland with the obligation of providing a free and appropriate education to its youngest citizens; and,
- WHEREAS, In order that that constitutional mandate be met, it is incumbent upon the State of Maryland to assist in the provision of adequate educational facilities within which free and appropriate educational programs may be provided; and,
- WHEREAS, The construction and maintenance responsibilities attendant to the provision of adequate facilities has been the joint responsibility of the State of Maryland and each of its Counties and the City of Baltimore; and,
- WHEREAS, The State of Maryland and its subdivisions have recognized the need to attend to significant capital maintenance and construction efforts in order to provide adequate facilities and to prevent the deterioration of existing facilities; and,
- WHEREAS, This Board of Education has recognized its own needs as well as those of the local education authorities throughout the State; and now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Baltimore County hereby requests that the Governor, Senate, and House of Delegates of the State of Maryland continue in their efforts to provide for the maintenance and construction of adequate educational facilities and that each evidence their respective intentions to provide such assistance by making available capital funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000) for use in capital improvement projects identified by local educational authorities as critical in their efforts to maintain and construct public school facilities for the use and benefit of public school students throughout the State of Maryland.

James R. Sasiadek, President

Joe A. Hairston, Secretary-Treasurer

February 8, 2005