

Commissioners of Bel Air
Agenda
July 15, 2019

Resolution No. 1136-19

Acceptance of the 2018 Harford County Annual Growth Report

RECOMMENDED MOTION: "...that Resolution No. 1136-19 outlining the 2018 Harford County Annual Growth Report be accepted by the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners."

I. BACKGROUND

In 1997, the State passed the Smart Growth Areas Act, which requires municipalities to adopt Adequate Public Facilities (APF) standards for schools. In June and December of each year, the County Planning Department completes a Growth Assessment on school population as required by statute and forwards that information to the Town Department of Planning.

II. PRIMARY ISSUES

The Town's APF regulations restrict major subdivision approval in school districts where actual or projected enrollment exceeds 110% of state rated capacity. Following receipt of this information, the Growth Report is submitted to the Board of Town Commissioners at a public meeting for acceptance. Based on the information contained in the report, the Town's Planning Commission determines where residential development may occur during the next six months.

III. DISCUSSION/EXPLANATION

Based on the attached information provided by Harford County, Homestead Wakefield Elementary School now operates at 111% and is projected to increase over the next several years. In addition, Red Pump Elementary School is projected to exceed capacity in 2020. All other schools currently serving the Town of Bel Air are operating at less than their rated capacity and will continue to do so for the next three years. When a school exceeds capacity, Section 165-21 of the Town Code prohibits permitting of residential development greater than five dwellings units (elderly housing and transient housing is exempt). Review of existing and potential development within the Homestead Wakefield and Red Pump attendance area indicates no foreseeable development impact since most of the parcels are currently developed.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Resolution 1136-19, 2018 Harford County Growth Report be accepted by the Board of Town Commissioners.

RESOLUTION NO. 1136-19

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2018
HARFORD COUNTY ANNUAL 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, in June, 2019, the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning submitted the Annual Growth Report attached hereto, indicating that the utilization rates of all public schools serving the Town of Bel Air are at less than 110% of rated capacity; and

WHEREAS, Homestead-Wakefield Elementary School (111%) and Red Pump Elementary School (111%) are projected to be over capacity within the next three years and will be limited for development of single family and multifamily residential uses. All other school service areas will not be affected by adequacy standards established by the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners that the 2018 Harford County Annual Growth Report attached hereto, shall be officially accepted and shall provide the basis for review and approval 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. 1136-19 has been accepted by the Board on July 15, 2019.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Susan U. Burdette, Chairman
Board of Town Commissioners

Michael L. Krantz, Town Clerk

Table 6B

Harford County Elementary Schools 2018 Utilization Chart									
Elementary School	State-Rated Capacity	Actual				Projected			
		2018 - 2019		2019 - 2020		2020 - 2021		2021 - 2022	
		ENROLL	% UTIL.	ENROLL	% UTIL.	ENROLL	% UTIL.	ENROLL	% UTIL.
Abingdon	864	775	90%	765	89%	754	87%	744	86%
Bakerfield	500	427	85%	435	87%	443	89%	451	90%
Bel Air	500	507	101%	510	102%	513	103%	517	103%
Church Creek	793	738	93%	729	92%	720	91%	711	90%
Churchville	388	393	101%	396	102%	399	103%	402	104%
Darlington	157	106	68%	104	66%	102	65%	100	64%
Deerfield	816	765	94%	761	93%	756	93%	752	92%
Dublin	295	238	81%	232	79%	226	77%	220	75%
Edgewood	511	381	75%	373	73%	364	71%	356	70%
Emmorton*	549	610	111%	615	112%	620	113%	625	114%
Forest Hill	568	508	89%	502	88%	496	87%	490	86%
Forest Lakes	546	427	78%	416	76%	406	74%	396	73%
Fountain Green	571	498	87%	490	86%	482	84%	474	83%
G. Lisby at Hillsdale	455	406	89%	404	89%	401	88%	399	88%
Hall's Cross Roads	562	502	89%	506	90%	511	91%	516	92%
Havre de Grace	566	512	90%	523	92%	535	95%	547	97%
Hickory	681	663	97%	665	98%	667	98%	668	98%
Homestead/Wakefield*	907	1,003	111%	1,003	111%	1,010	111%	1,022	113%
Jarrettsville	548	442	81%	438	80%	435	79%	432	79%
Joppatowne	653	594	91%	594	91%	594	91%	594	91%
Magnolia*	518	568	109.7%	577	111%	586	113%	595	115%
Meadowvale	568	520	92%	518	91%	517	91%	515	91%
Norrisville	252	212	84%	214	85%	217	86%	219	87%
North Bend	500	380	76%	382	76%	384	77%	386	77%
North Harford	500	344	69%	337	67%	330	66%	324	65%
Prospect Mill	680	565	83%	567	83%	568	84%	570	84%
Red Pump*	696	753	108%	761	109%	770	111%	775	111%
Ring Factory	548	517	94%	514	94%	510	93%	507	93%
Riverside	522	483	93%	481	92%	479	92%	477	91%
Roye-Williams	703	521	74%	535	76%	549	78%	563	80%
Wm. Paca / Old Post Rd.	954	803	84%	803	84%	803	84%	803	84%
Wm. S. James	522	442	85%	434	83%	432	83%	430	82%
Youth's Benefit	1,120	1,017	91%	1,020	91%	1,023	91%	1,026	92%
TOTAL	19,513	17,620	90%	17,604	90%	17,602	90%	17,606	90%

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

Source: Harford County Public Schools & Dept. of Planning and Zoning, November 2018.

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Harford County Middle Schools 2018 Utilization Chart									
Middle School	State- Rated Capacity	Actual				Projected			
		2018 - 2019		2019 - 2020		2020 - 2021		2021 - 2022	
		ENROLL	%UTIL	ENROLL	%UTIL	ENROLL	%UTIL	ENROLL	%UTIL
Aberdeen	1,444	1,144	79%	1,160	80%	1,177	82%	1,193	83%
Bel Air	1,318	1,373	104%	1,385	105%	1,397	106%	1,409	107%
Edgewood	1,370	1,118	82%	1,125	82%	1,132	83%	1,139	83%
Fallston	1,105	950	86%	954	86%	957	87%	961	87%
Havre de Grace	775	569	73%	575	74%	582	75%	588	76%
Magnolia	1,073	765	71%	774	72%	782	73%	791	74%
North Harford	1,243	895	72%	879	71%	863	69%	855	69%
Patterson Mill	710	738	104%	739	104%	741	104%	742	105%
Southampton	1,540	1,219	79%	1,212	79%	1,205	78%	1,197	78%
Total	10,578	8,771	83%	8,803	83%	8,836	84%	8,875	84%

Source: Harford County Public Schools & Dept. of Planning and Zoning, November 2018.

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Harford County High Schools 2018 Utilization Chart									
High School	State-Rated Capacity	Actual				Projected			
		2018 - 2019		2019 - 2020		2020 - 2021		2021 - 2022	
		ENROLL	%UTIL	ENROLL	%UTIL	ENROLL	%UTIL	ENROLL	%UTIL
Aberdeen	1,679	1,459	87%	1,466	87%	1,473	88%	1,480	88%
Bel Air	1,668	1,544	93%	1,532	92%	1,520	91%	1,508	90%
C. Milton Wright	1,678	1,421	85%	1,412	84%	1,403	84%	1,394	83%
Edgewood	1,743	1,388	80%	1,416	81%	1,444	83%	1,473	85%
Fallston	1,573	985	63%	971	62%	960	61%	955	61%
Harford Technical	920	1,009	110%	1,009	110%	1,009	110%	1,009	110%
Havre de Grace	850	639	75%	651	77%	663	78%	675	79%
Joppatowne	1,126	763	68%	765	68%	766	68%	768	68%
North Harford	1,603	1,212	76%	1,210	75%	1,208	75%	1,206	75%
Patterson Mill	1,013	827	82%	825	81%	823	81%	821	81%
Total	13,853	11,247	81%	11,257	81%	11,269	81%	11,289	81%

Source: Harford County Public Schools & Dept. of Planning and Zoning, November, 2018.