

RESOLUTION NO. 1161-21

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMENDED 2019  
HARFORD COUNTY ANNUAL GROWTH REPORT

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

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 165 of the Bel Air Town Code, Development Regulations, 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 February 2021, the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning submitted the Amended Annual Growth Report attached hereto, indicating that the utilization rates of some public schools serving the Town of Bel Air exceed 110% of rated capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, Homestead-Wakefield Elementary School (111.63% in 2022), Bel Air Elementary School (110.08% in 2024) and Bel Air Middle School (currently 116%) are over capacity or are projected to be over capacity within the next three years. However, because all these attendance areas abut schools that are identified as under capacity, no restrictions are mandated by Bel Air code. 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 2019 Harford County Amended 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. 1161-21 has been accepted by the Board on March 1, 2021.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

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Amy G. Chmielewski, Chairman  
Board of Town Commissioners

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Michael L. Krantz, Town Clerk

## AMENDMENT TO 2019 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, 2020 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, 2020 and include revised projections through the 2023/2024 school year. These changes replace the 2019 Annual Growth Report previously issued May 31, 2020 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. Eighteen of the nineteen middle and high schools in Harford County meet 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 submitted for these areas submitted on or after December 1, 2020 will be placed on a waiting list until school capacity is available.

<b>Table A – Elementary Attending Areas with Plan Restrictions</b>			
<b>School</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Actual/Projected Enrollment</b>	<b>Utilization Rate</b>
Bel Air	2023/2024	535	110.08%
Havre de Grace	2022/2023	597	110.15%
Homestead/Wakefield	2021/2022	1,027	112%

<b>Table B – Secondary Attending Areas with Plan Restrictions</b>			
<b>School</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Actual Enrollment</b>	<b>Utilization Rate</b>
Bel Air MS	2020/2021	1,442	116%

**Table 6B**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS		ACTUAL ENROLLMENT 2020		PROJECTIONS					
SCHOOL NAME	CAP			2021/2022		2022/2023		2023/2024	
		ENR	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP
Abingdon	863	649	75.20%	702	81.34%	695	80.53%	701	81.23%
Bakerfield <sup>1</sup>	500	383	76.60%	420	84.00%	425	85.00%	425	85.00%
Bel Air	486	522	107.41%	533	109.67%	533	109.67%	535	110.08%
Church Creek	819	681	83.15%	705	86.08%	713	87.06%	700	85.47%
Churchville	411	338	82.24%	374	91.00%	368	89.54%	363	88.32%
Darlington	157	99	63.06%	103	65.61%	104	66.24%	101	64.33%
Deerfield <sup>1</sup>	788	720	91.37%	752	95.43%	757	96.07%	761	96.57%
Dublin	294	215	73.13%	224	76.19%	226	76.87%	226	76.87%
Edgewood	461	351	76.14%	394	85.47%	408	88.50%	418	90.67%
Emmorton	570	565	99.12%	578	101.40%	592	103.86%	606	106.32%
Forest Hill	568	472	83.10%	476	83.80%	487	85.74%	493	86.80%
Forest Lakes	569	429	75.40%	450	79.09%	441	77.50%	433	76.10%
Fountain Green	548	460	83.94%	449	81.93%	452	82.48%	453	82.66%
G. Lisby at Hillsdale <sup>1</sup>	455	420	92.31%	426	93.63%	429	94.29%	432	94.95%
Hall's Cross Roads <sup>1</sup>	552	429	77.72%	464	84.06%	464	84.06%	459	83.15%
Havre de Grace	542	576	106.27%	586	108.12%	597	110.15%	602	111.07%
Hickory	668	643	96.26%	657	98.35%	655	98.05%	669	100.15%
Homestead/Wakefield	920	997	108.37%	1,027	111.63%	1,038	112.83%	1,060	115.22%
Jarrettsville	525	427	81.33%	429	81.71%	448	85.33%	453	86.29%
Joppatowne <sup>1</sup>	663	538	81.15%	569	85.82%	576	86.88%	582	87.78%
Magnolia <sup>1</sup>	561	517	92.16%	523	93.23%	522	93.05%	533	95.01%
Meadowvale	568	455	80.11%	467	82.22%	476	83.80%	484	85.21%
Norrisville	274	205	74.82%	214	78.10%	217	79.20%	219	79.93%
North Bend	498	378	75.90%	372	74.70%	373	74.90%	374	75.10%
North Harford	500	331	66.20%	348	69.60%	346	69.20%	348	69.60%
Prospect Mill	611	566	92.64%	570	93.29%	581	95.09%	579	94.76%
Red Pump	737	758	102.85%	775	105.16%	793	107.60%	808	109.63%
Ring Factory	548	520	94.89%	521	95.07%	521	95.07%	522	95.26%
Riverside <sup>1</sup>	588	445	75.68%	449	76.36%	452	76.87%	458	77.89%
Roye-Williams	703	410	58.32%	458	65.15%	467	66.43%	475	67.57%
Wm Paca/Old Post <sup>1</sup>	984	837	85.06%	883	89.74%	886	90.04%	889	90.35%
Wm S. James	526	480	91.25%	482	91.63%	484	92.02%	486	92.40%
Youth's Benefit	1,120	1,085	96.88%	1,090	97.32%	1,097	97.95%	1,103	98.48%
<b>TOTALS<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>19,577</b>	<b>16,901</b>	<b>86.33%</b>	<b>17,470</b>	<b>89.24%</b>	<b>17,623</b>	<b>90.02%</b>	<b>17,750</b>	<b>90.67%</b>

\*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, December 2020.

**Table 10B**

<b>Harford County Middle Schools 2019 Utilization Chart</b>									
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOLS</b>		<b>ACTUAL ENROLLMENT 2020</b>		<b>PROJECTIONS</b>					
<b>SCHOOL NAME</b>	<b>CAP</b>			<b>2021/2022</b>		<b>2022/2023</b>		<b>2023/2024</b>	
		<b>ENR</b>	<b>% CAP</b>	<b>PROJ</b>	<b>% CAP</b>	<b>PROJ</b>	<b>% CAP</b>	<b>PROJ</b>	<b>% CAP</b>
<b>Aberdeen</b>	<b>1,624</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>1,223</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Bel Air</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>116%</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>117%</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>118%</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>118%</b>
<b>Edgewood</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>Fallston</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>Havre de Grace</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Magnolia</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>82%</b>
<b>North Harford</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>76%</b>
<b>Patterson Mill</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>102%</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>104%</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>105%</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>105%</b>
<b>Southampton</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>10,371</b>	<b>8,914</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>9,138</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>9,193</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>9,227</b>	<b>89%</b>

Source: Harford County Public Schools & Dept. of Planning and Zoning, November, 2020.

**Table 14B**

HIGH SCHOOLS		ACTUAL ENROLLMENT 2020		PROJECTIONS			
SCHOOL NAME	CAP			2021/2022		2022/2023	
		ENR	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP	PROJ	% CAP
Aberdeen	1,720	1,442	84%	1,468	85%	1,482	86%
Bel Air	1,768	1,557	88%	1,563	88%	1,556	88%
C. Milton Wright	1,613	1,330	82%	1,361	84%	1,356	84%
Edgewood	1,716	1,414	82%	1,455	85%	1,473	86%
Fallston	1,573	977	62%	995	63%	1,002	64%
Harford Technical	1,135	993	87%	992	87%	990	87%
Havre de Grace	835	699	84%	721	86%	736	88%
Joppatowne	1,056	783	74%	792	75%	799	76%
North Harford	1,538	1,228	80%	1,234	80%	1,229	80%
Patterson Mill	992	837	84%	845	85%	831	84%
<b>TOTALS:<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>13,948</b>	<b>11,260</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>11,428</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>11,454</b>	<b>82%</b>

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