

Council Bill 12-0072R

1 The state of school facilities in Baltimore City is well known to be unacceptable, and school
2 advocates are joining together to fight for increased funding from the state to address this
3 enormous issue. At the same time, privately owned charter schools must necessarily get more
4 and more creative in finding funding sources for their facilities needs. A lack of consistency and
5 predictability in future per-pupil funding – while difficult and frustrating for BCPSS and non-
6 charters – can result in a crippling disconnect between operational needs and capital planning.

7 As the city begins to tackle the state of its schools' facilities, measures should be taken to
8 ensure that, moving forward, charter schools also have access to funding for building costs, so
9 that they aren't forced to utilize money that should be spent on programming.

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
11 Council calls on representatives of the Baltimore City Public School System, public charter
12 school operators, and other stakeholders to report to the City Council on the current status of the
13 City's public charter schools, and to discuss their accomplishments and their challenges,
14 particularly in regards to the per-pupil funding formula and addressing the on-going capital needs
15 of those public charter schools housed in privately-owned buildings.

16 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the CEO of the
17 Baltimore City Public School System, the Coalition of Baltimore Charter Schools, and the
18 Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.