

Baltimore City Council Bill 25-0105
Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –
Baltimore City Public Schools – \$12,911,344

Budget and Appropriations Committee
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The Baltimore City Public School System (City Schools) has reviewed Council Bill 25-0105, which seeks to provide a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$12,911,344 to Baltimore City Public Schools for the City’s contribution to the development agreement for City Springs Elementary/Middle School.

As the Council is aware, Baltimore City has been actively pursuing redevelopment in East Baltimore, particularly through the Perkins, Somerset, Oldtown (PSO) Transformation Plan. This comprehensive plan seeks to redevelop the Perkins, Somerset, and Oldtown areas to create mixed-income communities with new housing, public spaces, and infrastructure. As part of the City’s plan submitted to HUD, a new school building is planned for City Springs to replace the aging current facility.

The City secured a \$30 million federal Choice Neighborhoods grant from HUD in 2018 to help fund this project, which includes the demolition and new construction of Perkins Homes and the construction of a new City Springs Elementary/Middle School, along with other public spaces and infrastructure. While the funding was awarded in 2018, the project involves multiple phases and ongoing work.

While the HUD grant is a major source of funding for the project, it is by no means comprehensive. As such, the City committed additional resources to the redevelopment efforts, including the supplementary general fund operating appropriation as detailed in Council Bill 25-0105.

City Schools appreciates the City’s commitment to the PSO Transformation Plan, and specifically to the prioritization of a new City Springs Elementary/Middle School. The legislation before you today represents the City’s commitment to their HUD application. We respectfully recommend the Council’s favorable consideration of Council Bill 25-0105 and will be pleased to provide additional information upon request.