

**City Council Bill 24-0583**  
**The 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Baltimore**

October 11, 2024

Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) has reviewed City Council Bill 24-0583, the 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Baltimore, for the purpose of reviewing, revising, and adopting the 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Baltimore.

“Our Baltimore, Your Baltimore” is the City’s first Comprehensive Plan since 2006. The plan focuses on the spaces, places, and neighborhoods that make Baltimore home, and provides guidance to evaluate policies, programs, and land use changes. The overarching goal of the plan is to consider how City policies related to urban planning can make the experience of living in Baltimore better for current and future residents by developing the city in a manner such that residents want to stay, benefit from staying, and invite people to move to Baltimore.

Recognizing the link between the City’s physical environment and residents’ health, well-being, and livelihoods, the plan focuses on the physical environment while also addressing some social, cultural, and economic topics – including educational efforts – as they relate to the physical environment of Baltimore. To that end, City Schools appreciated the chance to review the plan and offer technical amendments to ensure the goals of the plan align with the education of the City’s young people.

City Schools stands in support of the Department of Planning’s staff report, which was considered and approved by the Planning Commission on October 10. The staff report encompasses amendments previously submitted by City Schools. Again, we are grateful for the opportunity to provide feedback in advance of consideration by the Baltimore City Council, and now encourage the Council to amend Bill #24-0583 accordingly before issuing a favorable report.