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	Subject	18-0212 – Bond Issue - School Loan - \$38,000,000		

**To: President and Members
of the City Council
c/o 409 City Hall**

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review #18-0212 – Bond Issue - School Loan - \$38,000,000. The purpose of this legislation is to allow for a municipal bond issuance of \$38,000,000 for constructing and renovating school buildings, along with athletic and other auxiliary facilities.

BCHD encourages the renovation and construction of Baltimore City public school facilities. The Baltimore City Public School System contracts with BCHD's School Health program to operate school health suites, which care for 84,000 students in more than 200 schools.¹ Additionally, BCHD operates school-based health centers at eight different campuses, providing extensive primary care services from immunizations to physicals.²

Improved school facilities will assist BCHD in delivering care to Baltimore City's public school students. For this reason, the Health Department urges a favorable report on Council Bill #18-0212.

¹ <https://health.baltimorecity.gov/node/78>

² <https://health.baltimorecity.gov/school-health/school-based-health-centers>