

# BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Testimony of the  
Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners  
In Support of  
City Council Resolution 18-0268**

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The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, legally empowered to set and adopt the operating and capital budgets of the Baltimore City Public School System (City Schools) are whole heartedly supportive of City Council Resolution 18-0268 “Ordinance of Estimates Fiscal Year 2019 Capital Contribution to the Operating Budget of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for Fiscal Year 2019.” The resolution will increase the City of Baltimore’s capital contribution to City Schools from \$17,000,000 to \$19, 000,000.

City Schools welcomes this increase and will use the City of Baltimore’s contribution to match the State’s contribution to allow it to complete capital projects. With the increased allocation, the funds will be used to continue to implement the school system priorities, such as; increasing and improving the air conditioning at schools; upgrading and repairing heating equipment at schools; repairing and replacing roofs, and installing and improving systemics, to name a few.

The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners encourages the Budget and Appropriations Committee to support this resolution and urges a **FAVORABLE** report.

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