NEW CONSTRUCTION: Planning

Determining Needs

I. Philosophy

A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) must be responsive to changing enrollment patterns to sustain high quality educational programs for all students. The Board further recognizes the need to have a comprehensive and coordinated approach for planning school facilities in order to promote student achievement.

B. The Board believes setting clear criteria for the prioritization of planning and funding requests ensures that system and student needs are central to decision making.

II. Implementation

A. The Superintendent shall establish procedures that ensure comprehensive planning. In developing these procedures, the following factors should be taken into consideration:
   1. The current condition of facilities and projected demographics of the student population;
   2. Implementation of the instructional program;
   3. Community involvement; and
   4. The availability of fiscal resources from all funding authorities.

B. The Board directs the Superintendent to implement this policy.

Related Policies:
- Board of Education Policy 1280, *Boundary Changes*
- Board of Education Policy 7240, *School Site Selection and Acquisition*
- Board of Education Policy 7250, *School Building Design*
- Board of Education Policy 7310, *Determination of School Construction Costs*

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