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Education Advocate

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Dear Advocate,

We have much to be proud of this year with our historic win of \$1 billion for school construction in Baltimore City. It's worth taking a moment to take stock of all of the hard work of parents, teachers, students and community partners in getting us to this point. Though media reports may frame it as a spontaneous response to a critical need, advocates know that it took a great many hours of phone calling, policy work, lobbying and rallying to finally get the funding we need to rebuild schools. Take a moment to revisit some of the milestones in our campaign! We're counting on you to be part of the next stage to Transform Baltimore: Build Schools, Build Neighborhoods.

Baltimore City School Construction and Revitalization Act of 2013



MD Governor Signs Historic School Construction Law

Last week, the ACLU-MD stood with members of the Baltimore Education Coalition and city and state leaders to witness Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley sign the Baltimore City Public School Construction and

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Stay Tuned for Community Design Planning Meeting Dates!

In the coming months, Baltimore City Public Schools will host a series of meetings to allow parents, students and community members to take part in developing a vision and giving input on school designs.

More details will be available soon.



Revitalization Act of 2013. This historic law is the culmination of more than a decade of research and advocacy to address the critical needs of Baltimore City school buildings. With your continued support, we are moving on to the implementation stage where we will continue to educate, organize and mobilize to ensure that Baltimore children get the 21st century school buildings - and academic programs - they deserve.



Transform Baltimore and Baltimore Education Coalition Celebrate School Construction Victory

The Baltimore Education Coalition and Transform Baltimore campaign hosted a community celebration on May 6 at Waverly Elem/Middle School. The event honored the work of dedicated individuals such as rally bus captains and the numerous organizations who worked to pass HB860 for Phase I of the \$2.4 billion construction program.



Students from John Eager Howard Elementary speaking to the crowd of supporters.



Teacher Leon Pryor as the Block Grant Express conductor for the evening.

Guests took a trip aboard the "[Block Grant Express](#)", revisiting many of the milestones of the campaign. City leaders such as Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Sen. Verna Jones-Rodwell and Del. Curt Anderson congratulated the advocates and pledged to continue to fight for additional funding. During the celebration, we also recognized the leadership of outgoing Baltimore City schools CEO Andres Alonso and welcomed the interim CEO, Tisha Edwards.

Baltimore City Schools to Launch Design Process for Year 1 and Year 2 Schools

Baltimore City Schools and its community partners, including the ACLU, must ramp up quickly for the design process for schools receiving new buildings or major renovations in Year 1 and Year 2 of the 10 Year Facilities Plan. City Schools has committed to a comprehensive community engagement process that will allow schools and communities to give input on educational and design elements for the new and renovated schools. School-community meetings are expected to kick-off early in the summer. Stay tuned for upcoming dates.

Below is a list of schools scheduled to be built or fully renovated in Year 1 and Year 2.

Year 1 Schools

#260 Frederick Elementary

#88 Lyndhurst Elementary

#85 Ft. Worthington Elementary

#61 John Eager Howard
Elementary

#234 Arlington Elementary/Middle

#160 Carter G. Woodson
Elementary/Middle

#223 Pimlico Elementary/Middle

#164 Arundel Elementary/Middle

#341 REACH! Partnership School
(Lake Clifton building)

#427 Academy for College &
Career Exploration (ACCE) High
(former Robert Poole building)

#406 Forest Park High

#159 Cherry Hill
Elementary/Middle

#405 Patterson High

Year 2 Schools

#144 James Mosher Elementary

#242 Northwood Elementary

#256 Calvin Rodwell Elementary

#213 Govans Elementary

#204 Mary Rodman Elementary

#249 Medfield Heights Elementary

#142 Robert Coleman Elementary

#247 Cross Country
Elementary/Middle

#228 John Ruhrah
Elementary/Middle

#134 Walter P. Carter
Elementary/Middle

#124 Bay Brook Elementary/Middle

#44 Montebello Elementary/Middle

#75 Calverton Elementary/Middle

#37 Harford Heights Elementary

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