



## Transform Baltimore

Build **Schools**. Build **Neighborhoods**.

*ACLU and other community leaders lay out aggressive organizing plan to promote modern school buildings for every city neighborhood*

**Official Campaign Launch Event**  
**Thursday, August 18th at 1pm**

**Booker T. Washington Middle School for the Arts**  
 1301 McCulloh Street  
 Baltimore, MD 21217

Community leaders, including the ACLU of Maryland's Education Reform Project, will gather at Booker T. Washington Middle School for the Arts to launch a new campaign, *Transform Baltimore: Build Schools. Build Neighborhoods*. The campaign calls upon elected officials and decision makers at the local and state level to adopt and act upon a funding plan to renovate and modernize all public school buildings in Baltimore City within eight years.

The campaign will unveil a new website intended to gather support for its goals and highlight the positive outcomes at schools in Baltimore City that have received recent renovations. The campaign will recruit teachers, parents, and education advocates at 50 Back-to-School nights in September.

Excellent school buildings are critical to education reform and neighborhood revitalization in Baltimore. As it stands, 70% of city school buildings are in poor condition and full-scale modernization is estimated to cost \$2.8 billion. Achieving this reality is entirely possible, but it takes political will! Other districts throughout the country have been able to creatively leverage resources and generate revenue to build new schools.

We hope you join us in demanding great school buildings for city students, educators, and neighborhoods! If you can't make it, the ACLU Education Reform Project will be tweeting live from the event!

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