



ACTION ALERT

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Campaign for Adequate School Facilities February 11th and 13th in Annapolis

Help Prevent Cuts in School Construction/Renovation Funds

Join us in building a organized and powerful citizenry to move forward the 1st city-wide Campaign for Adequate School Facilities.

On February 11th and 13th, two hearings will be held to review the state's Public School Construction Program (PSCP) in the Senate and House, respectively. **WE NEED TO SHOW UP IN NUMBERS** to show that we have an **URGENT NEED** for adequate facilities.

This hearing is absolutely crucial as the state provides over 90% of our public school construction funds. Baltimore residents need to bombard state legislators with facts about the deplorable condition of city schools. This hearing is the place where legislators often cut funds for school construction and renovation.

WE MUST ACT TO PREVENT CUTS IN EDUCATION!

We need at least 15 people on each day in Annapolis; a person may attend both since one hearing is in the Senate and the other in the House. On February 11, the hearing will begin at 11:30am and on Feb 13, at 1pm. On both days, people should expect to stay for a few hours. We will provide powerful testimonies about how our children and staff are unfairly subjected to the poor conditions of city schools. It's unhealthy, unsafe, and it's a violation of the state's constitution, which guarantees adequacy in education. The ability to learn (and teach) is significantly impacted by school building conditions.

Travel as a group can be arranged if desired.

ACLU was successful in suing the state for the Thornton money for schools, and, with enough people, we can be successful now. Many thanks and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this campaign.

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