



**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY  
MEETING AGENDA ITEM**

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**TITLE:** FY 2012 State Budget Supplementary Appropriation      **DATE:** October 20, 2011

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**PRESENTER(S):** Ken Roey, Executive Director, Facilities, Planning, and Management

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**OVERVIEW:**

On June 10, 2011 the Board of Public Works requested that Howard County identify projects eligible for funding under the provisions of House Bill 1213, enacted as part of the 2011 General Assembly actions.

The Howard County Public School System submitted projects for consideration which were approved by the Board of Public Works on October 5, 2011. Prior to beginning design and construction we are bringing these projects to the Board for final approval. After considerable review of the options available and in close coordination with local elected officials and agencies, the following projects were selected:

Atholton High School & Hammond High School - Replace existing natural grass football stadium field with artificial turf.

Both schools are extremely limited in practice field space. Stadium field use is restricted to game day use and a very limited practice schedule to preserve the natural turf structure. Currently both schools are forced to send some of their teams off site to practice. Howard County has a shortage of fields for our many youth and adult recreation leagues and we are partnering with Howard County Recreation and Parks to maximize the utility of these proposed artificial turf fields.

Oakland Mills High School - Replace hall lockers, security and fire alarm systems; upgrade indoor and outdoor concession stands to meet code; replace stadium press box (safety hazard); replace doors and hardware in the auxiliary gym to provide security; and, replace wrestling mat rack lift mechanisms.

The hall lockers are old and many are not in good working condition. Replacement would not only give students a secure storage area but also improve the appearance of the school. The security and fire alarm systems are old and outdated. Finding replacement parts to maintain the systems has become more difficult. The concession stands need upgrading to meet new health and safety code requirements. The stadium press box is old and has become a safety hazard. The auxiliary gym doors and hardware are old and outdated. Replacement parts are becoming harder to find so maintenance has become difficult. Replacing the doors and hardware will make the gym more secure as well as provide a more pleasing appearance. Finally a wrestling mat rack lift mechanism is needed for the wrestling mat to be rolled and stored properly. It is important for safety as well as space restrictions.

Wilde Lake High School – Rehabilitate the physical education instructional area and locker room including expansion of storage areas and weight room; reconfigure team rooms to provide additional flexibility and create a staff conference area.

The improvements will help promote better planning and delivery of the educational program as well as improve the environment for athletic teams, home and visiting.

Wilde Lake Middle School - Replace casework in art room, band room and band/chorus office; completely enclose existing partial wall separating classroom from media center.

The casework is old, outdated and in need of replacing. The new, updated casework will better suit needed space for supplies and equipment. Enclosure of the partial wall will allow privacy for classes being taught in the classroom and media center reducing the chance for disruption.

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**RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION:**

Approve the projects and allow staff to begin the design and submission process.

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**Submitted  
by:**

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**Approval/  
Concurrence:**

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