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Commissioners Give Direction to BOE on Capital Investment Plan

Westminster, MD, Thursday, October 19, 2017 – Today, the Board of Carroll County Commissioners (BCC) discussed the Carroll County Board of Education's (BOE) Capital Improvement Plan and asked the BOE for more detailed information about East Middle School modernization versus a new K – 8 school.

Currently the Board of Education's Facilities Plan includes an East Middle School modernization project and the BOE requested direction from the BCC whether to stay with that plan or should they instead consider incorporating a K-8 school in the plan.

The BCC voted 4-1 (Commissioner Rothschild dissenting) on a motion where they are, "Willing to look at a full range of options provided that they have detailed analysis and a good understanding of the cost and what it would mean in terms of the academics; but, that any significant investment in any direction has got to be accompanied by a plan and a timetable for comprehensive redistricting."

The BCC emphasized that this decision is not a commitment to the K-8 school, but rather offering a wide range of latitude to look at different options. The Board wants to see exact numbers and what the potential financial impact will be for both plans. Furthermore, critical to consideration of any project, the Commissioners will require the BOE to complete a comprehensive redistricting.

The discussion and vote may be viewed on the [Carroll County Government Meeting Portal](#).

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