



Office of the President

February 9, 2023

**The Honorable Craig J. Zucker**

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Capital Budget Subcommittee

**The Honorable Mark S. Chang**

House Appropriations Committee

Capital Budget Subcommittee

Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Baltimore City Community College Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget

Dear Chairman Zucker and Chairman Chang:

The Governor's budget demonstrates Maryland's commitment to Baltimore City Community College (BCCC). The College provides the students of Baltimore City and surrounding areas with affordable and accessible higher education and maintains a steady focus on the ultimate goals of college completion or workforce training leading to an industry recognized credential. With your support, BCCC has been deliberate in its efforts to keep tuition within the reach of the demographic we serve, and beyond. The College has not increased tuition in four years, and BCCC remains one of the least costly community colleges in the state.

According to the Inventory submitted annually to MHEC, "BCCC has the largest percentage of gross square feet constructed before 1971 of any Maryland community college at 15% of total campus gross square footage." Decades have passed without the significant state investment into the College facilities. Addressing the facility needs in an energy efficient and fiscally responsible manner will attract talented faculty and students by creating an energized and healthy environment for learning and socialization. BCCC completed its 10-year Facilities Master Plan in October 2020. The Master Plan incorporated the facilities assessments, including the deferred maintenance needs, as well as major renovations and additions for the learning commons, nursing, facilities, and wellness center to name a few. This transformation of the College infrastructure and operations must come about because that is what the city, state and our students deserve.

BCCC's 2019 facilities assessment identified \$41.3 million in deferred maintenance needs, \$31 million of which were classified as immediate needs requiring attention within one to three years. Immediate needs include improved mechanical, electrical, plumbing, windows and doors, and life-safety projects. Coupling the age of the facilities with the lack of routine funding for maintenance repairs and projects, immediate safety upgrades and major replacements of most building systems are now required. The Department of General Services and the College have collaborated on awarding critical maintenance projects to swiftly reduce the deferred maintenance backlog in FY2022-FY2023. We continue this effort to eliminate the deferred maintenance backlog and are requesting additional funding in the FY2024 budget.



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The College is committed to supporting the City of Baltimore and providing vital educational and training opportunities. Thank you for your continued support of higher education and Baltimore City Community College.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Debra L. McCurdy".

Debra L. McCurdy, PhD  
President



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**Baltimore City Community College  
Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget  
Response to Department of Legislative Services Analysis**

**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
Capital Budget Subcommittee  
Craig J. Zucker  
Tuesday, February 14, 2023**

**House Appropriations Committee  
Capital Budget Subcommittee  
Mark S. Chang  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

**PAYGO Recommended Actions**

1. Concur with the Governor's Allowance.

*Response: The College concurs with the recommended action.*

**GO Bond Recommended Actions**

1. Approve all authorizations for Baltimore City Community College.

*Response: The College concurs with the recommended action.*