



Chairman Bulova Convenes Working Group to Address County, School Capital Needs

April 3, 2013 – The Capital Facilities and Debt Management Working Group, proposed by Chairman Bulova at the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 26, 2013, met for the first time today to discuss the capital needs of Fairfax County and the Fairfax County Public Schools system. Chairman Bulova established the Working Group after the School Board raised concerns over increased capital needs due to a growing student population and the difficulty keeping up with renovations of older schools.

“This Working Group will explore creative solutions to issues which both the Board of Supervisors and School Board have grappled with for the past several years,” Chairman Bulova said. “This open dialogue will foster a greater amount of collaboration and meaningful discussion regarding our capital needs challenges. I look forward to working with School Board members to address our challenges.”

The County shares its debt capacity with the school system and the county government has capital needs of its own, including some projects which have been postponed for years. The County also has a responsibility to keep tax bills affordable and stay within its debt limits in order to retain its AAA bond rating.

The Capital Facilities and Debt Management Working Group consists of three members of the Board of Supervisors (Supervisors Jeff McKay, John Foust, and John Cook) and three members of the School Board (Hon. Kathy Smith, Hon. Sandy Evans, and Hon. Patty Reed). The Working Group will jointly review the school system and County government’s capital needs as well as consider the County’s fiscal constraints.

The Working Group will meet throughout the year and members will report back regularly to their respective boards. All meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will take place on June 5 at 3:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center.

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