

Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights

May 16, 2018

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Request: vote against and remove from the budget and related documents "placeholders" for both Bethesda ES and Somerset ES

Councilmembers:

The Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights, Inc. (CCCFH), which includes 17 communities, endorses the letter of the Coalition of Bethesda Area Residents (CBAR) dated May 16, 2018 and requests that the County Council vote against and remove from the budget and related documents "placeholders" for both Somerset Elementary School and Bethesda Elementary School.

Creating placeholders for these schools not only allows development to continue without regard for its impact on school capacity, it also means schools in desperate need of repairs and updating will not receive the necessary work. The purpose of "Placeholders" has been distorted such that they do not serve the educational needs of students, families or school staff. They serve the needs of developers.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue,



Harold Pfohl, Chair
Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights

Representing the Citizens Associations of Brookdale, Drummond, Chevy Chase Village, Chevy Chase West, Friendship Heights, Glen Echo Heights, Kenwood, Kenwood Condominium, Kenwood House Cooperative, Somerset, Somerset House, Springfield, Sumner Village Condominium, Westmoreland, Westbard Mews, Westwood Mews, and Wood Acres