INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Education Agency (LEA) Superintendents, LEA Facility Planners, Interested Parties

FROM: Robert A. Gorrell
Executive Director

DATE: September 5, 2018

RE: Draft COMAR Revisions

As many of you know, changes during the 2018 Legislative Session have resulted in many outdated regulations pertaining to the Interagency Commission on School Construction. Among other things, HB 1783 allows for LEAs to determine their own emergency shelters, eliminates change order reviews by the Department of General Services and contingency withholding of state funds for change orders, and creates the Interagency Commission on School Construction, a body that replaces the former Interagency Committee on School Construction and with an expanded membership.

Attached you will find two documents. The first is a draft of the proposed COMAR revisions, which will be revised based upon comments from stakeholders. We anticipate they will be approved by the IAC at their meeting tentatively scheduled for October 9, 2018. The second reflects the sections of COMAR applicable to the work of the IAC as they currently exist. In the draft of the proposed COMAR revisions, please note that text between brackets is recommended for deletion and text in italics is recommended for insertion into the COMAR. The draft also moves the location of the COMAR from Title 23, which houses regulations for the Board of Public Works, to Title 14, which houses regulations for Independent Agencies.

Please review the attached documents and submit your written comments, either as a letter or as a marked up version of the COMAR to pscp.msde@maryland.gov by September 21, 2018. Your comments will be provided to the IAC and will inform a revised draft that will be considered for approval.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cassandra Viscarra at cassandra.viscarra@maryland.gov or (410) 767-0611.