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O'Malley and Brown Release Detailed School Construction Plan *Tomorrow, Candidates to Tour Eastern Shore*

ANNAPOLIS, MD (December 13, 2005) – This morning at Germantown Elementary School in Annapolis, Martin O'Malley and Anthony Brown released their plan to improve school construction across Maryland. This was the second installment of the O'Malley/Brown education plan, and focused on the need to commit funds to a long-term approach to school construction.

“We hear, time and time again, that these trailers are just temporary classrooms, but they never seem to go away,” said O'Malley. “Today, we have set forth a plan that will finally give Maryland’s students the classrooms that they deserve.”

In their plan, O'Malley and Brown support fully-funding the Kobb Commission’s recommendations to increase school construction by using the projected budget surplus and, if need be, increasing Maryland’s debt limit. Statewide, they support the use of responsible Pay As You Go (PAYGO) funding policies to guarantee that education dollars are not diverted to other programs. A copy of the plan is attached.

O'Malley delivered the first portion of his education plan in a speech to the Maryland State Teachers’ Association on October 22, 2005, when he discussed Maryland’s need to commit to teacher retention and recruitment.

Later today, O'Malley and Brown will be in Charles County, meeting local elected officials and eating lunch with campaign supporters. After that, the pair will travel to Riderwood Retirement Community in Montgomery County to address seniors’ issues.

Tomorrow, O'Malley and Brown will spend their third day together on the Eastern Shore. They will build on today’s school construction policy by meeting with educators from the Kent County Teachers Association. The event is open to the press.

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