

REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO Improve the Lives of Maryland's Children

MARYLAND'S CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT

The Ask: We respectfully request **\$2.5 million** in fiscal year 2028 capital funds from the state of Maryland for the development and enhancement of facilities on our Greenspring Campus.

WHY SUPPORT IS CRITICAL

- Kennedy Krieger's students are publicly funded and have complex disabilities requiring **specialized support**.
- Funding is urgently needed to **renovate and expand outdated school facilities**.
- Renovations will create **sensory-friendly, technology-integrated spaces** tailored to students' learning needs.
- A new specialized center will reshape special education and **create transformational learning opportunities** for children with complex needs.



Funding will support the expansion of our Greenspring Campus, with local, statewide, and national impact.



Kennedy Krieger School Programs serves publicly funded students 5 to 21 years old from across Maryland. Our five schools act as an extension of the public school system, and we do not take private tuition.

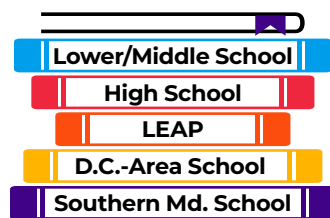
THE VISION

Restore and renovate the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary/Middle School on Greenspring Avenue in Baltimore back into a functional school that will include expanded classrooms for our LEAP Program and our early childhood facilities. ("LEAP" stands for Lifeskills and Education for Students with Autism and Other Pervasive Behavioral Challenges.) The building will also include space for our new Center for Specialized Education Innovation.

**ANTICIPATED COST:
\$40 MILLION-\$50 MILLION**

**485
STUDENTS**

from more than
15 school districts
in Maryland,
Virginia, and D.C.
(in 2025-2026)



**750
SCHOOL STAFF
MEMBERS**

including
teachers and
clinical specialists,
providing robust
support for students



THE IMPACT

Locally

- New early childhood facilities will serve the local community, **adding much-needed resources for working parents**. Classes will include children with and without developmental disabilities.
- Our afterschool tutoring program will benefit children in the community, especially those with specialized education needs.
- The facility will be a shared resource, with venue space **available for community partners**.

Statewide

Expanded LEAP classrooms will allow us to **serve more students and better support our existing students** with updated classrooms.

Nationally

Our **new Center for Specialized Education Innovation** will investigate best practices for providing individualized education to the most challenging-to-educate students, and will disseminate those approaches for others to implement. The center will serve as an education innovation hub powered by technology, uniting educators, researchers, therapists, behavioral scientists, and technologists to transform learning for every child. The center has the potential to **transform educational policy and practice nationwide**.

Our most vulnerable children and teens deserve your help and support.

We welcome your questions about our plans to reinvigorate Baltimore's Greenspring community while simultaneously creating a new school to enhance education and training for Maryland's most vulnerable youth.

If you have questions or would like a tour, contact Emily Arneson at: **Arneson@KennedyKrieger.org**

About Kennedy Krieger

Now in its 90th year, Kennedy Krieger Institute, a Maryland-based, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, provides a wide range of integrated medical, therapeutic, educational, and community services for children, teens, and young adults with neurological injuries, diseases, and disorders.

To watch a short video about the Institute, use this QR code or visit: **KennedyKrieger.org/Anthem**



THANK YOU

Your support is crucial to making this facility a reality for Maryland's children.
To learn more, use this QR code or visit: **KennedyKrieger.org/MarylandKids**

