



Letter to House Finance Subcommittee #3

Dear Committee Members,

We represent the Prince Edward County Schools Advocates, a group of parents and community supporters of the Prince Edward County Public Schools. We write to ask for your urgent help in allowing us to move forward with a plan that would allow our locality to make essential repairs to our elementary school. As Governor Youngkin alluded to in his January 25, 2022, OpEd in the Washington Post, we have a “concern that the cold halls of government are disconnected from the reality [we] face every day.” Please help us address our everyday reality by adding Prince Edward County to the list of localities that can move forward with a sales tax referendum.

The facilities situation at Prince Edward Elementary is dire. Leaking roofs interfere with learning and activities. Heat is spotty and standing water prevents adequate play. Structural issues throughout the building are not only disheartening but also dangerous. Traffic control and parking are inadequate for modern life and make pick-up into a dangerous daily event. Prince Edward Middle and High Schools face similar deficiencies. The impact on student learning and teacher retention is deeply harmful. The impact on our community is profound as citizens move away to pursue opportunities for their children.

The Prince Edward County school district has a poverty rate more than double the state average – but we are willing to do our share. Our community and our local leadership have found consensus around a plan to fund renovations if you allow voters to consider a 1-percent increase in the sales tax. The only feasible alternative would be an enormous real estate tax increase. These repairs cannot wait.

We recognize there is broader discussion about school funding in the General Assembly this year and other methods of supporting school construction are being discussed. But in the meantime, the children and teachers of our county need us to move forward. Please work with legislation that has passed the Senate to make sure Prince Edward County can move forward toward a referendum that would demonstrate our community’s support for this plan.

Our community is stepping up to do our part – to give our kids critical school infrastructure where they can safely learn. We just ask that our representatives in Richmond give us the tools to fund desperately needed school renovations.

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