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Dr. Alvin Thornton  
Chair, Prince George's County Board of Education  
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**Re: Support of Adoption of a Resolution Committing to 100% Clean Energy Schools and Implementation of a Focus Workgroup**

Dear Dr. Thornton,

The City of Mount Rainier Mayor and Council is writing in support of adoption by the Prince George's County School Board of a clear timeline to power our schools with 100% clean energy, including the energy used for electricity, heating, cooling, cooking, and transportation. We are also writing in support of initiation of a Focus Workgroup to develop a School Climate Change Action Plan that will outline how to implement these goals in a timely, cost-effective, and equitable manner.

The City of Mount Rainier was founded in 1910 and has two elementary schools located in its borders. The City of Mount Rainier has a long history of collaboratively working with these schools to better their educational environment, including on issues related to sustainability.

The switch to 100% Clean Energy Schools provides an unique opportunity to make our community a leader in fighting climate change and introducing the jobs and technologies of the future.

Once implemented 100% Clean Energy Schools will:

- Reduce the carbon footprint of our county school system, which is of vital importance given the size and importance of the institution;

- Limit exposure of children to air pollution from the burning of fossil fuels in the buildings and on buses;
- Allow for improved heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems that will improve indoor air quality in the learning environment;
- Save money from reduced maintenance and fuel costs over time;
- Create an opportunity for STEM, vocational, and other students to learn, hands on, about the technologies of the future;
- Set up a more equitable learning environment for all students, including by allowing saved funds to improve other neglected aspects of school buildings.

These are all goals that the City of Mount Rainier supports and would like to see implemented in our community. We believe that the Prince George's County School Board should adopt a resolution setting a date for 100% Clean Energy Schools and implement a Focus Workgroup to implement the goals.

Sincerely,



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City Manager

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