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Dr. Alvin Thornton
Chair, Prince George's County Board of Education
14201 School Lane
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**Re: Support of Adoption of a Resolution for 100% Clean Energy Schools and
Establishment of a Focus Implementation Workgroup**

Dear Dr. Thornton,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of the Greater Accokeek Civic Association (GACA) 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.

Implementation of 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;
- Facilitate energy efficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems to improve indoor air quality so important 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 innovative "clean" technologies;
- Lead to a more equitable learning environment for all students, one that is enhanced by funds saved and made available to other neglected aspects of school facilities.

GACA supports these goals for all of Prince George's County. As out-of-date systems are retired from County school facilities, they should be replaced with clean energy alternative solutions. We recommend that the Prince George's County School Board

adopt a resolution to set a realistic date for 100% Clean Energy Schools and establish a Focus Workgroup to implement the goals.

Sincerely,

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President, Greater Accokeek Civic Association

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