

# Town of Bladensburg

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January 11, 2021

Dr. Juanita Miller  
Chair, Prince George's County Board of Education  
14201 School Lane  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

### **Re: Support of Adoption of a Resolution Committing to Implementation of a Climate Change Action Plan Focus Workgroup**

Dear Dr. Miller,

The Town of Bladensburg 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, and to adapt them to threats such as flooding. 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.

Once the resolution is adopted and action plan is implemented it will:

- Reduce the carbon footprint of our county school system, which is of vital 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 buildings that are more resilient to flooding and storms;
- 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 the Town of Bladensburg 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,

*Vito Tinelli*

Vito Tinelli  
Acting Town Administrator  
on behalf of the Mayor and Council for the Town of Bladensburg

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