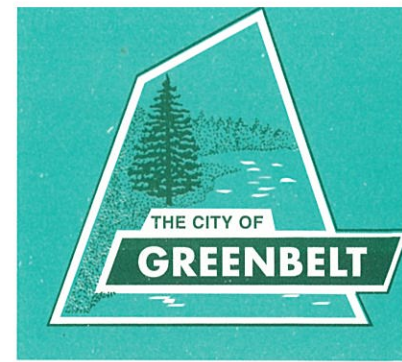


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February 4, 2021

The Honorable Joshua M. Thomas
Prince George's County Board of Education
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Dear Board Member Thomas:

At the Regular Meeting on January 25, the Greenbelt City Council voted unanimously to support the Board of Education's Climate Change Action Plan Focus Work Group Proposal. It is our understanding that this Resolution will be considered by the Board on February 11.

Climate change is a threat to all of us and we all need to take immediate and effective actions to address it. President Biden even declared last week that climate change was a matter of National security.

Once this Climate Change Action Plan is approved and implemented by the school system, it will:

- Limit school children's exposure to air pollution from use of fossil fuels in buildings and on school buses.
- Reduce the carbon footprint of our County school system.
- Save money through reduced maintenance and fuel costs.
- Allow for improved HVAC systems that improve indoor air quality in our schools.
- Create school facilities that are more resilient to flooding and storms.
- Establish a more suitable learning environment for our students.

The Greenbelt City Council urges you to support this important Resolution. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Colin A. Byrd
Mayor

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