



**Greenbelt Elementary School
Parent Teacher Association**

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Dr. Juanita Miller
Chair, Prince George's County Board of Education
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**Re: Support of Adoption of a Resolution Committing to Implementation of a Climate Change Action Plan
Focus Workgroup**

Dear Dr. Miller,

Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) Parent Teacher Association is writing the Prince George's County Board of Education in support of the adoption 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 the initiation of a Focus Workgroup to develop a School Climate Change Action Plan that will outline how to implement these energy goals in a timely, cost-effective, and equitable manner, as well as how to adapt our schools to threats such as flooding.

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 that GES PTA members support and would like to see implemented in our community. We believe that the Prince George's County Board of Education should adopt a resolution setting a date for 100% Clean Energy Schools and implement a Focus Workgroup to implement the goals.

Sincerely,
Greenbelt Elementary School PTA Members

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