

# ROBERT GODDARD

MONTESSORI SCHOOL



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

### **Re: Support of Adoption of a Resolution Committing to 100% Clean Energy Schools Implementation of a Climate Change Action Plan Focus Workgroup**

Dear Dr. Miller,

The Robert Goddard Montessori School (RGMS) is one of three public pre-kindergarten through eighth grade schools in Prince George's County that use the Montessori method of education to enrich the lives of the children. RGMS is located in Seabrook, Maryland and has a student body made up of children from northern Prince George's County. Our Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) represents a diverse group of families from northern Prince George's County that reside throughout Board of Education Districts 1 through 4.

Robert Goddard Montessori School PTSA is writing in support of adoption by the Prince George's County Board of Education 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.

As parents of young children we know that if we don't act on climate change our children could see the impacts of inaction first hand. The youngest Rockets are still three years old. According to the scientists, we will have to produce zero greenhouse gas emissions by the time they are just thirty-three years old. If we don't act, these children and their peers in Prince George's County will not have a better world to live, play, work, and grow old in.

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

- Reduce PGCPs's greenhouse gas footprint, which is important to the children in school today since they could see worse climate disasters if we do not act;
- End exposing children to harmful air pollution on school buses, which is very important for our students given how long their bus rides are;
- Allow for all students and staff to have improved heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems that will improve indoor air quality in the learning environment;
- Create an opportunity for STEM, vocational, and other students to learn, hands on, about the technologies of the future;a
- Set up a more equitable learning environment for all students, including by allowing saved funds to be reallocated for other needs.

These are all goals that the Robert Goddard Montessori School PTSA support and would like to see happen in PGCPs. 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,



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