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Dear Members of the Caroline County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Caroline County School Board, we write to inform you of three critical actions unanimously approved by the School Board at our May 6, 2025 Special Called Meeting and our May 12, 2025 regular School Board meeting. These decisions represent a unified commitment to responsibly manage current and future student enrollment and programmatic growth while maintaining educational continuity for all PK-12 scholars and fiscal responsibility.

1. Preschool Students Will Remain in Their Home Elementary Schools

The School Board unanimously voted to maintain preschool students in their current homeschool elementary buildings. This decision supports the continuity of services for our youngest learners and preserves the vital relationships between students, families, and staff. Housing preschool programming within a child's homeschool setting supports smoother transitions into kindergarten, ensures access to robust services (art, music, PE, library, counseling, nursing, etc.), fosters early connections with school communities, and enhances outcomes for both academic and behavioral development. Ultimately, this approved motion aligns with the Board's preschool vision since applying for and being named the grantee for all Head Start programming in November 2022.

2. Implementation of a Bridge Plan Utilizing Learning Cottages (Trailers) Onsite

The Board also unanimously approved the implementation of a bridge plan that includes the installation of learning cottages to address enrollment and functional capacity issues. This approach allows CCPS to meet immediate space demands while preserving student and staff continuity. Additionally, due to the inability to fund previously presented comprehensive facility options, Learning Cottages now serve as the most cost-effective, timely, and scalable solution. This bridge solution ensures students and staff remain on their home campuses, avoiding transportation burdens, loss of services, increased staffing expenses, and disruption to CCPS and community programming located in school division auxiliary facilities.

3. A Bridge Plan Must Lead to a Final Short-term Outcome: A New Elementary School

Most importantly, the School Board unanimously affirmed that the bridge plan must lead to a clearly defined outcome: the construction of a new elementary school. The identified timeline for this commitment spans the short-term window of Years 0–3, with the goal of opening a new elementary school by the 2027–2028 school year. This timeline reflects our proactive effort to meet the community's growth needs, prevent long-term over-reliance on temporary facilities, and ensure our PK-12 facilities support high-quality learning. Data informing this School Board approved plan can be found within the extensive [Demographic Study](#) shared publicly in the fall of 2024 and located on the CCPS website ([Facilities Information](#)).

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Request for Immediate Joint Board Meeting

To operationalize the School Board's bridge plan and ensure readiness for the 2025–2026 school year, CCPS must partner with the Board of Supervisors to expeditiously identify a funding source(s). Appropriation of fiscal resources is critical for timely decisions regarding procurement, delivery, installation, and logistics associated with the bridge plan. As such, the School Board requests a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors within the next 2–3 weeks. We propose the following dates:

- Thursday, May 29
- Monday, June 2
- Wednesday, June 4

Thank you for your commitment to serving the children and families of Caroline County. We look forward to the opportunity to meet, plan, and move forward together with clarity and shared purpose.

Respectfully,

Mr. Calvin Taylor
Chair of Caroline County Public School Board

Mr. Lydell Fortune
Vice Chair Caroline County Public School Board

cc: Members of the Caroline County School Board
Dr. Sarah Calveric, Superintendent, CCPS
Mr. Charles Culley, County Administrator