

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** February 20, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Henderson County Public Schools Emergency Funding Request

**PRESENTER:** Superintendent Bo Caldwell

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1. Letter from Board of Education

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

On February 12, 2019, the Board of Commissioners received a letter from the Henderson County Public Schools Chairperson Amy Holt requesting emergency funding for HVAC systems at both Rugby Middle School and Flat Rock Middle School. The Board of Education feels these systems have far exceeded their useful life and require replacement with upgraded units.

The Board of Education formally requests emergency funding for HVAC units at both schools at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000 per school.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to discuss and direct staff accordingly.

**Suggested Motion:**

*No motion suggested.*



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*Bo Caldwell, Superintendent*

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February 12, 2019

Mr. Grady Hawkins, Chairman  
Henderson County Board of Commissioners  
One Historic Courthouse Square, Suite 1  
Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792

RE: Emergency Funding Request

Dear Mr. Hawkins,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the members of the Henderson County Board of Public Education to request immediate emergency funding for the replacement of outdated and failing HVAC systems at Rugby Middle School and Flat Rock Middle School. These systems have far exceeded their useful life and require a complete replacement with upgraded units.

At a Board of Education workshop held last night, members of the Board of Education were presented with the summary results of a 10-year facility assessment conducted by Novus Architects. In addition to identifying the future capital needs of the school system, the assessment confirmed an urgent need to address the failing HVAC systems at Rugby Middle School and Flat Rock Middle School.

It was the consensus of the Board of Education that we communicate this urgent need directly to the Board of Commissioners for immediate funding consideration. Please accept this letter as a formal request for funding each of these replacement projects at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000 each.

My thanks in advance for your support of this request, and please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION  
Amy Lynn Holt, Chairperson

cc: Members, Henderson County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Steven D. Wyatt, Henderson County Manager  
Members, Henderson County Board of Public Education  
Mr. Bo Caldwell, Superintendent