Montgomery County
Public Schools

August 29, 2016

F. Craig Meadows, County Administrator
County of Montgomery
755 Roanoke Street, Suite 2E
Christiansburg, VA 24073-3179

Re: Request for Funds for Construction of an Additional Instructional Wing at Falling Branch Elementary School.

Dear Mr. Meadows,

The purpose of this letter is to request the appropriation of $10,000,000 to be used for the construction of an additional instructional wing and roofing project at falling branch Elementary (FBE). This additional wing will address the immediate concerns with using modular/mobile units as instructional classrooms at FBE. The current nodular units located at FBE are aging and have become expensive to maintain, both in labor man-hours and material replacement cost. The addition to FBE will also address security concerns and the students' exposure to inclement weather during transitions.

The preliminary estimate for construction of this wing reflects approximately 19 additional classrooms and will increase the student population capacity from 446 to 722. This construction project will also expand the cafeteria and kitchen area by approximately 3,000 square feet to accommodate the increased student population at FBE. We will also complete the final phase of roofing repairs at FBE.

I appreciate your consideration of this request. Approval by the Board of Supervisors will address the first stage of planning to improve the schools in the Christiansburg community. If approved, MCPS will move forward beginning with the Request for Proposal for architect and engineering services.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at (540)382-5100 or markmiear@mcps.org if there are additional questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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