

## Resolution in Support of 2007 School Bond Referendum

WHEREAS as part of the November 6, 2007, election, voters in Fairfax County will be asked to approve a School Bond Referendum (2007 Bond) in the total amount of \$365.2 million, including the following:

- (1) \$65 million for new construction;
- (2) \$160.8 million for renovations to existing schools;
- (3) \$18.5 million for program support, including full day kindergarten and adult education;
- (4) \$29.75 million for infrastructure management, including major repairs and technology upgrades;
- (5) \$38.6 million inflation adjustment to complete 15 previously funded projects;
- (6) \$50 million for a bus service facility in cooperation with Fairfax County;
- (7) \$2.55 million bond costs; and

WHEREAS the issuance of bonds will continue to be subject to limits placed by the Board of Supervisors, in order to maintain the County's excellent bond rating, maintain low net long term debt ratios and assure that bonded debt will not be a contributing factor to any increase in local taxes; and

WHEREAS the projects to be funded pursuant to the 2007 Bond have been prioritized in the Fairfax County Public Schools Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which evaluates the needs of school properties on a regular basis based on age and condition of facilities, population and other demographic changes, and educational program needs in order to provide students and the community with adequate and safe facilities and protect the school system as an important asset to Fairfax County's continued growth; and

WHEREAS school facilities are also important to the community at large for meeting locations, senior citizen meal programs, County School Age Child Care, adult education programs and recreational needs including gymnasiums, playing fields, and classes and camps offered by the Park Authority; and

WHEREAS the 2007 Bond includes funds relating to construction of the new Laurel Hill Elementary School in Mount Vernon District and for an addition for Hybla Valley Elementary School, which is part of the West Potomac Pyramid, and many Mount Vernon District schools have benefited in the past from previous County-wide voter approval of bond referenda and expect to benefit from future referenda,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED in consideration of all of the above that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations recommends approval of the 2007 School Bond Referendum on November 6, 2007.