



March 11, 2026

The Honorable Dr. Greg Murphy
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Phone: (202) 225-3415

Dear Congressman Murphy:

On behalf of the Duplin County Board of County Commissioners, I am writing to express our strong support for two critical capital projects that represent our highest infrastructure priorities for Duplin County. These projects are essential investments in public safety, education, and long-term community resilience, and we respectfully seek your support as we pursue federal funding opportunities for both projects.

Our first and highest priority is the renovation and modernization of James Kenan High School, a vital educational facility that serves students and families across our county. We intend to pursue funding opportunities that will allow us to upgrade aging infrastructure, improve safety, and create modern learning environments that better prepare our students for success.

Many areas of the school require significant improvements to ensure the facility meets current educational standards and provides a safe and effective environment for students and teachers. Renovations will support improved classroom space, updated building systems, and enhanced safety features. Investing in James Kenan High School will strengthen educational outcomes and ensure that Duplin County students have access to quality learning facilities that support their academic and career readiness.

Our second priority is the construction of a new Duplin County Public Safety Building, which will support the coordinated operations of our emergency services and public safety personnel. As our county continues to grow and service demands increase, it is imperative that we invest in infrastructure that supports efficient emergency response, effective coordination, and modern operational capabilities.

A new Public Safety Building will provide centralized space for critical public safety functions, enhance interagency collaboration, and improve response capabilities across the county. This facility will strengthen emergency preparedness, support first responders, and ensure Duplin County residents continue to receive dependable and timely public safety services.

Both projects align with federal priorities to strengthen rural infrastructure, expand workforce and educational opportunities, and protect public health and safety. The Duplin County Board of Commissioners is committed to advancing these initiatives and



leveraging every available resource to deliver these important improvements for our citizens.

We respectfully request your continued support as we pursue federal funding opportunities for the renovation of James Kenan High School and the development of a new Duplin County Public Safety Building. We greatly appreciate your leadership and advocacy on behalf of eastern North Carolina communities and look forward to working closely with your office throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Dexter B. Edwards
Chairman
Duplin County Board of County Commissioners



Duplin County Schools

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Dear Congressman Murphy:

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Duplin County Schools is pleased to offer its full support for the renovation and modernization of James Kenan High School, an important educational facility that serves students and families across Duplin County.

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Providing safe, modern, and effective learning environments is fundamental to our mission. Renovations and upgrades to James Kenan High School will address aging infrastructure, improve safety and security, and enhance classrooms and support spaces to better meet the needs of today's students and educators. These improvements will ensure that the school continues to provide high-quality educational opportunities while creating an environment that supports student success and academic achievement.

As Duplin County continues to experience growth and economic development, it is essential that our educational facilities keep pace with the needs of our community. Investments in James Kenan High School will help prepare the county for expected growth over the next several years while strengthening our ability to provide students with the resources and learning environments necessary to succeed in college, careers, and technical fields.

The proposed renovations reflect thoughtful planning, responsible stewardship of public resources, and a commitment to both current students and future generations. The Duplin County Board of Education strongly supports efforts to secure funding for these important improvements that will benefit students, educators, and the broader community.

Sincerely,

Brent Davis
Chairman
Duplin County Board of Education

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