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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bethel Manor Elementary School Expansion Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of York, located at 224 Ballard Street, Yorktown, Virginia 23690. The project location is 1797 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Hampton, Virginia 23665.

The funding would be used to construct six new, modern classrooms, several restrooms, and a secure Intermediate Distribution Frame (IDF) room, which will house critical networking and communications infrastructure. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because it will support the growing need for educational space at the school that is comprised of 97% military-connected students. Military-connected students change schools every few years and require an environment that supports their unique needs and challenges. As educational practices became increasingly reliant on technology, the IDF room will provide educators with a full spectrum of technology tools to support teaching in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Moreover, this project will enhance educational capacity and technological infrastructure to better serve the school's unique and highly mobile student population.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

I hope that you will consider this request as you develop the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations bills.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Wittman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert J. Wittman  
Member of Congress