

## **JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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December 05, 2023

The Honorable Catherine Truitt North Carolina State Superintendent

Dear Superintendent Truitt:

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners is pleased to write in support of the three grant applications that are being submitted by Jackson County Public Schools for the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund.

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners and the Jackson County Board of Education share a long history of having a strong and positive working relationship over the years. The two boards have partnered together on many tasks and projects with successful results for the schools and the community.

We recognize and endorse Jackson County Board of Education's priority list:

- 1. Fairview Cafeteria and Classrooms
- 2. Smoky Mountain High School Stadium ADA Upgrades and New Track
- 3. Blue Ridge School Gym and Classrooms

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners has financially committed to provide the 15% local match needed for all of these projects, if they are awarded funding from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund.

We fully support and encourage the efforts of Jackson County Public Schools. Addressing these critical needs will positively impact student and community outcomes in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Letson Chairman

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