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Gentlemen: The report in this week's *The Mountaineer* describing the Haywood County Board of Education's struggles with facilities highlights the desperate need for a massive investment in education facilities across the state. Our school facilities in Haywood County are so bad that the BOE is considering moving students from Pisgah and Tuscola High School campuses to the nearly-century old Canton Middle and Waynesville Middle campuses, and relocating the middle school students to those respective high school campuses (approaching 60 years old).

Last year, Governor Cooper proposed a $3.9 billion bond issue for infrastructure, and the legislature considered a $3.1 billion amount. Neither made any headway, despite near zero interest rates on government-backed bonds.

Now, the needs are even greater, and $4 billion is probably the minimum needed.

I strongly urge you to support a substantial bond this year, to grow our economy out of the pandemic recession, and provide safe, healthy, and comfortable spaces in which our children can learn.

Best regards,

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