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Representative Bobby Scott  
Chairman, House Education & Labor Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

Representative Virginia Foxx  
Ranking Member, House Education & Labor Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

February 25, 2019

Dear Chairman Scott and Ranking Member Foxx,

On behalf of AASA, The School Superintendents Association and the Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESAs), I write to express our support for the Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2019 (HR 865). When it comes to federal policy and funding related to infrastructure, it is imperative the discussion include our nation's public schools, and we commend the committee for highlighting not only the importance, but also the backlog, of renovation, repair and new construction for our nation's public schools.

The Rebuild America's Schools Act provides federal bonds and grants to state and local education agencies, funding that will prove critical in helping them address their long list of renovation, repair and modernization in their school facilities. When the average age of a public school building in the United States is approaching 45 years, and when the buildings in our nation's public school systems receive an overall grade of D+ from the American Society of Civil Engineers, the call to action is obvious: federal support and leadership as it relates to the physical improvement of those facilities. Stronger, smarter, safer, buildings provide classroom and schools where students are better able to learn and develop the educational skills they will need to succeed.

The Rebuild America's Schools Act addresses all of these concerns, and we commend the committee for its leadership on this issue. We strongly support this legislation and urge you to vote YES on the bill. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noelle Ellerson Ng". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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AASA, The School Superintendents Association

CC: House Education & Labor Committee