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Hello

I am writing in support of House Bill 7278 that has it's first hearing today. I know normal process may be to hold for further study but I am hoping this will not go that route and pass out of committee.

Cranston has been the leader of late in its school construction projects. We are utilizing the resources available to move our buildings into the 21st century. Eden Park and Garden City schools are prime examples of this. The bill is asking for Cranston to ask its tax payers for \$40 million to ensure we can continue to make improvements and take advantage of the savings being offered by the state.

These dollars will be used for the following:

- Eden Park Elementary Phase 3- We have renovated $\frac{2}{3}$ of the building, which was built in 1954. The building currently needs to have the primary (Grades k-2) wing renovated, and we are building a new technology center for the students.
- Gladstone Elementary- While we are currently under construction there, changes to the original plan have been made. This bond will support the “green space” needed for outdoor student use, and modifications to the landscape around the building.
- Cranston High School West-Renovation of the parking lot, which is currently beyond repair and is in dangerous condition.
- Cranston High School East-New boiler system is needed.
- AES (Apprenticeship Exploration School)Would support acquisition of the building, which is currently privately owned, AND renovation of the building to make the former jewelry manufacturing building an environment that is conducive to 21st century learning.
- Woodridge, Stone Hill, Glen Hills, Stadium, Rhodes, Dutemple-We would replace asbestos flooring at some of our elementary schools.

I strongly encourage you to pass this legislation and allow Cranston to continue to move forward for the betterment of our students

Thank You
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