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Rep. Marvin L. Abney, Chairman of Senate Finance
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith St
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Attention Chairman Abney, members of House Finance:

Please accept this written testimony as indication of my enthusiastic support for the passage of House Bills 8049 and 8050. Both bills represent important milestones in our effort to continue modernizing our Providence Public Schools. This past fall, we opened three new or like new school buildings: The Narducci Learning Center, William D'Abate and Frank D. Spaziano Elementary Schools. This summer, we expect to re-open the fully renovated, state-of-the-art, Pleasant View Elementary School and work will begin on renovations at Mary Fogarty and Harry Kizirian Elementary Schools.

Passage of 8049 and 8050 will enable the City of Providence to seek state reimbursement for a significant portion of the bonding costs and these bills will help the Providence Public School District move closer to a day when 100% of our students learn in new or like new buildings.

I thank you for your continued support in giving our students, parents and teachers the 21st century schools that they deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Javier Montanez".

Javier Montanez, Superintendent

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