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Hello All,

My name is Mary Sanders and I am a Patrick Henry Parent. I want to express my support for Patrick Henry Elementary school to be rebuilt. Patrick Henry is over 62 years old and is in much need of repairs. Our bathrooms are falling apart one of the Handicap stalls looks horrible. In most of the classrooms the air does not work and when it does it is either too cold or too hot. Our auditorium is not big enough to accommodate the growing population. This school needs to be rebuilt but I don't approve for the school to close for 2 years or to place the children in trailers. Trailers are not the best option for the students; they are uncomfortable and most make you very claustrophobic. Having children in a trailer for 2 years is not one of the best options and it is disruptive to learning. I am a firm believer that the school could be built on Latham side without disruptions to any neighbors and disruption to the children's education. The school has been here 62 plus years and most of the people that live in the surrounding area have always known the school is there. The school needs a better system for traffic control and ample parking for drop off and pick up. Both residents and parents in this area will most definitely benefit from an arts school and K-8 system in which your child would not have to go Hammond Middle School or George Washington Middle school if they choose not to. Our children would be better developed and feel more comfortable going into TC Williams Minnie Howard campus in their 9th grade year.

In closing it is time for a change this school looks the same since it was built and I have friends that attended this school in the 80's and stated that nothing has changed. The school looks the same as soon as you walk in. I feel we will all benefit from a new school including a new recreation center for seniors and all of the community to use besides going to William Ramsey's community center. I strongly believe it would raise the value of the home and make it more family oriented. Thank you.