

# Public Comments for School Board Meetings

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Full Name \*

Marta Schantz

What is your relationship to ACPS? \*

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Hi School Board,

I am sharing this written comment in the hopes that you make sure to fund green building and energy/climate efforts in the CIP Add/Drop meeting. Please:

- Fully fund ACPS facility needs in the CIP. City Council and the City Manager need to know the full extent of ACPS capital needs.
- These needs include meeting the City's Green Building Policy at the new George Mason, Cora Kelly, and other facilities. We can't neglect the climate crisis that our students face.
- I also ask ACPS to include in its budget the development of an Energy and Climate Resilience strategy to help guide its facility decisions and help the district save money in its operations over time.

While there are sustainability benefits to these efforts, there are also monetary benefits! Improving ACPS facilities' buildings to be more energy efficient and more resilient will reduce utility bills and reduce maintenance costs, which leads to lower overall operating expenses for the portfolio. Good for business, good for students, good for climate. Thank you!