

**Public Comments by Bill Pugh**  
**Dec. 14, 2023 School Board Meeting**

Dear Chair Rief and School Board members,

Thank you for supporting healthy, climate-friendly buildings for students, staff and Alexandria's sustainability goals. On behalf of the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions Alexandria hub, I appreciate your additional funding for George Mason and Cora Kelly in the proposed Capital Improvement Program, providing for student capacity, instruction, and sustainable green buildings.

Our group will ask the City Manager and Council to support implementation of its Green Building Policy and other ACPS needs in the City's budget process. Likewise, ACPS can leverage the City's Office of Climate Action to support its sustainability program and CIP - with technical resources and help finding grant opportunities.

Note that in the upcoming General Assembly session, ACPS can advocate for anticipated legislation that would help school systems implement solar more efficiently, removing excessive and costly requirements from Dominion. Ryan Freed, City Climate Action Officer, and the City's legislative liaison can help provide ACPS more information on this.

We look forward to being engaged in the ACPS Combined Funds budget process to speak up in support of continued good work in the areas of energy, sustainability and climate resilience.

Thank you for your work on behalf of our students,

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