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Florida Department of Education

**Re: Hendry County School District Application for Florida Department of Education's
Special Facility Construction Account to Construct New LaBelle High School**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Hendry County Commissioners in support of the Hendry County School District's application for funding to build a new LaBelle High School.

The original high school was founded in 1915 and was accredited in 1921. A new school was built and finished in 1979 and has served as the only high school in LaBelle since that time.

In a time of increased health, safety, and technology requirements along with a rapidly growing population, a new building is essential to meeting the needs of our staff and students.

Hendry County is a rural, economically disadvantaged community, however, the Hendry County School District staff and school staff have operated with "more with less" mentality of leadership and creativity. Despite economic setbacks, community support for our schools has been, and continues to be very high, for academics, athletics, and other extra-curricular activities. But the State's assistance is greatly needed in order to move forward with a new high school that will better serve our students, faculty and community.

Thank you for your consideration of this project that will be of great importance to our community for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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