



**THE FLORIDA SENATE**  
**SENATOR KATHLEEN PASSIDOMO**  
*President*

July 14, 2023

Special Facilities Construction Committee  
Florida Department of Education  
325 West Gaines Street Suite 1214  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Members of the Committee,

I write to you all in support for the funding approval for the Florida Department of Education's Special Facility Construction Account to help the building of a new Labelle high school.

Hendry County Schools has provided quality education for their students and have strived to provide countless opportunities for advancement in the community. Hendry County School District serves a rural population that has experienced exponential growth in the last few years, leading to classrooms that are over-crowded. The funding provided through the Special Facility Construction Account will help with the construction of a new high school in LaBelle that will serve the growing student population for years to come.

The Hendry County School District has made a tremendous impact on the community by providing educational tools such as voluntary pre-kindergarten, dual enrollment, and vocational training; setting up student success. I am optimistic of the continued work Hendry County School District is investing in their students, and I ask you give thoughtful consideration and deliberation to this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Passidomo".

Kathleen Passidomo  
President of the Florida Senate