



Our **F**uture, Our **C**ommitment, Our **S**tudents

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Today is a great day for students in Franklin County! One of the most important reasons the future looks bright is because our school district is supported by people like you who are willing to stand up and do the right thing even when it is difficult or unpopular. It is unfortunate that the proposed \$45 million school bond was not popular with the majority of voters last Tuesday, even though you and I and thousands of other Franklin County citizens knew it was the right thing to do.

The defeat of the referendum was certainly disappointing for those of us who envisioned adequate classrooms for all our students. I hope you do not think, however, that your efforts supporting the bond were in vain. Despite the loss, we have made great strides in letting the citizens of this county understand our facility needs. We have opened crucial doors of communication with the public, and we have demonstrated our commitment to spend each dollar we have wisely. Please know that your contribution in this important process was – and continues to be – both valuable and appreciated.

The bond defeat notwithstanding, new students will continue to pour into our district and, as always, we will welcome each one. We will continue to offer all our students an academically outstanding education in a nurturing environment. We have a good school system! We have great teachers; we have great students; and we have wonderful community partners. I hope that you will remain a partner in this endeavor.

Whatever the reason Franklin County voters declined to support this bond, I am confident we did what we should. The extra step you took in support of this campaign shows me – and the entire county – your leadership, your wisdom and your willingness to step up to the plate and go to bat for our children. I sincerely thank you for that. That support gives me courage and hope for the future of Franklin County Schools.

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