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SUBJECT: Accessibility Challenges Report, Mathews County Public Schools
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To:
Chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and Health
House Committee on Education

On Monday, October 20, a walkthrough of the Mathews County Public Schools was conducted by the Building Official in cooperation with School Administration and Facilities. Overall, the buildings were found to be in compliance with the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code and ICC A117.1 Standard for Accessible and Useable Buildings and Facilities. Code compliance is based on the codes in place at the time of construction or renovation of such facilities. The following items were found out of compliance with today's most up to date standards and can be addressed in accordance with the funds available and the schools' priorities:

Middle School exit #8 and High School exit #5 threshold nosings exceed the ¼" allowable maximum.

Several sinks in Middle School accessible restrooms exceed the maximum allowable height of 34".

One dispenser is located within less than the allowable 12" above the grab bar in one accessible restroom stall.

One accessible bathroom stall in front hallway of High School does not meet the required 60" minimum width.

A ramp in the hallway of the High School exceeds the allowable 1/12 slope.

SIGNED:

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