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Hon. Robert Scott
U.S. House of Representatives
1201 Longworth House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

May 17, 2017

Dear Representative Scott,

The 21st Century School Fund commends you and the Education and Workforce Committee for your work to develop and introduce the Rebuild America's Schools bill. In the [State of Our Schools 2016](#) study, the 21st Century School Fund, the National Council on School Facilities, and the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council found a \$38-billion gap between historical annual capital investments in public PK–12 school facilities and the level of investment required to properly maintain the current inventory of the nation's public PK–12 school facilities.

Because not all states and localities can afford to provide healthy, safe and educationally appropriate PK–12 school facilities to their children on their own, the Rebuild America's Schools Act will help to address an unmet need and will increase equity in educational opportunity across the nation. The Act will also have a positive effect on local economies across the United States.

The 21st Century School Fund supports federal funding for our nation's PK-12 public school infrastructure targeted to the highest need facilities, children and communities. Thank you for your important work on this issue.

Sincerely,

Mary Filardo
Executive Director